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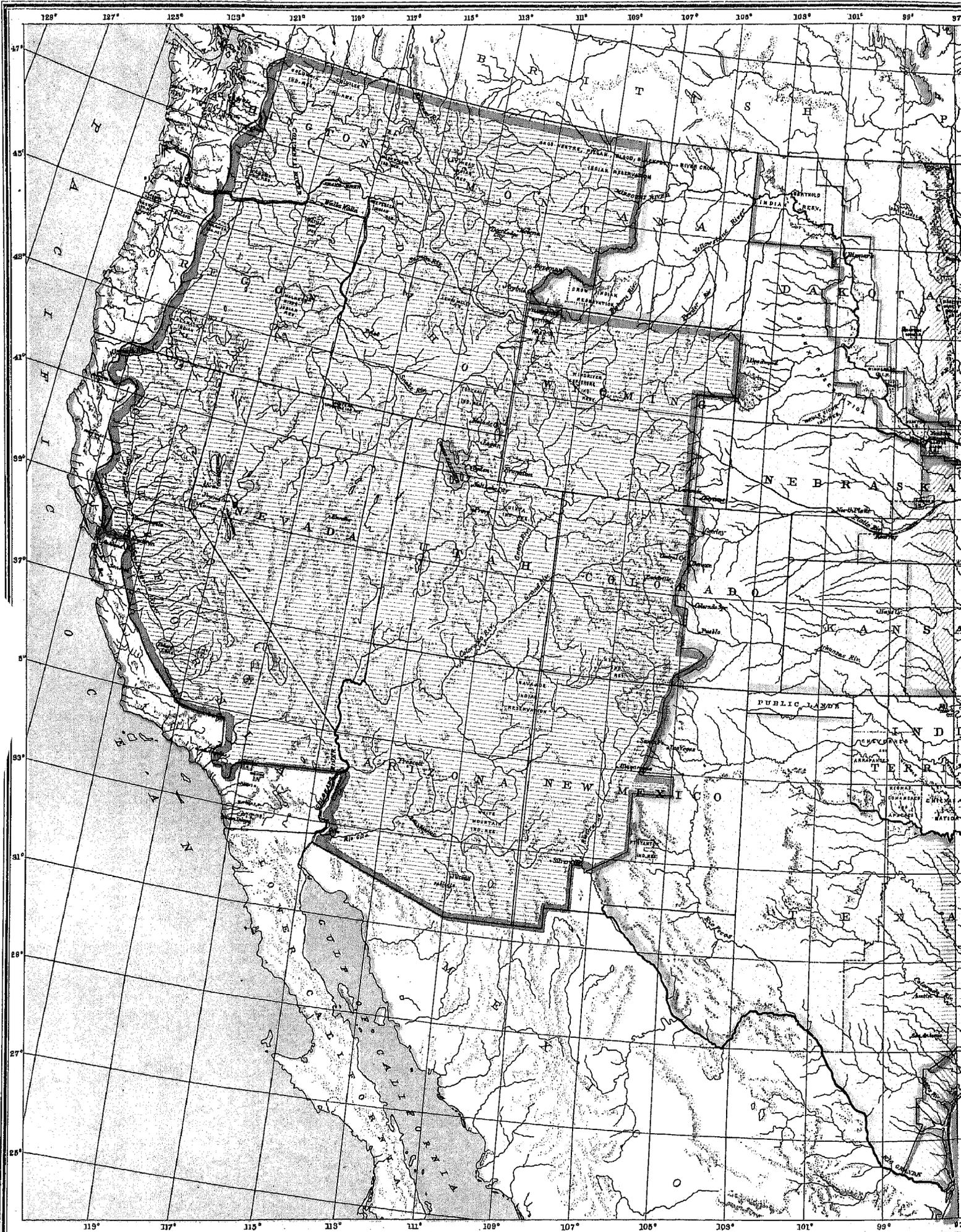
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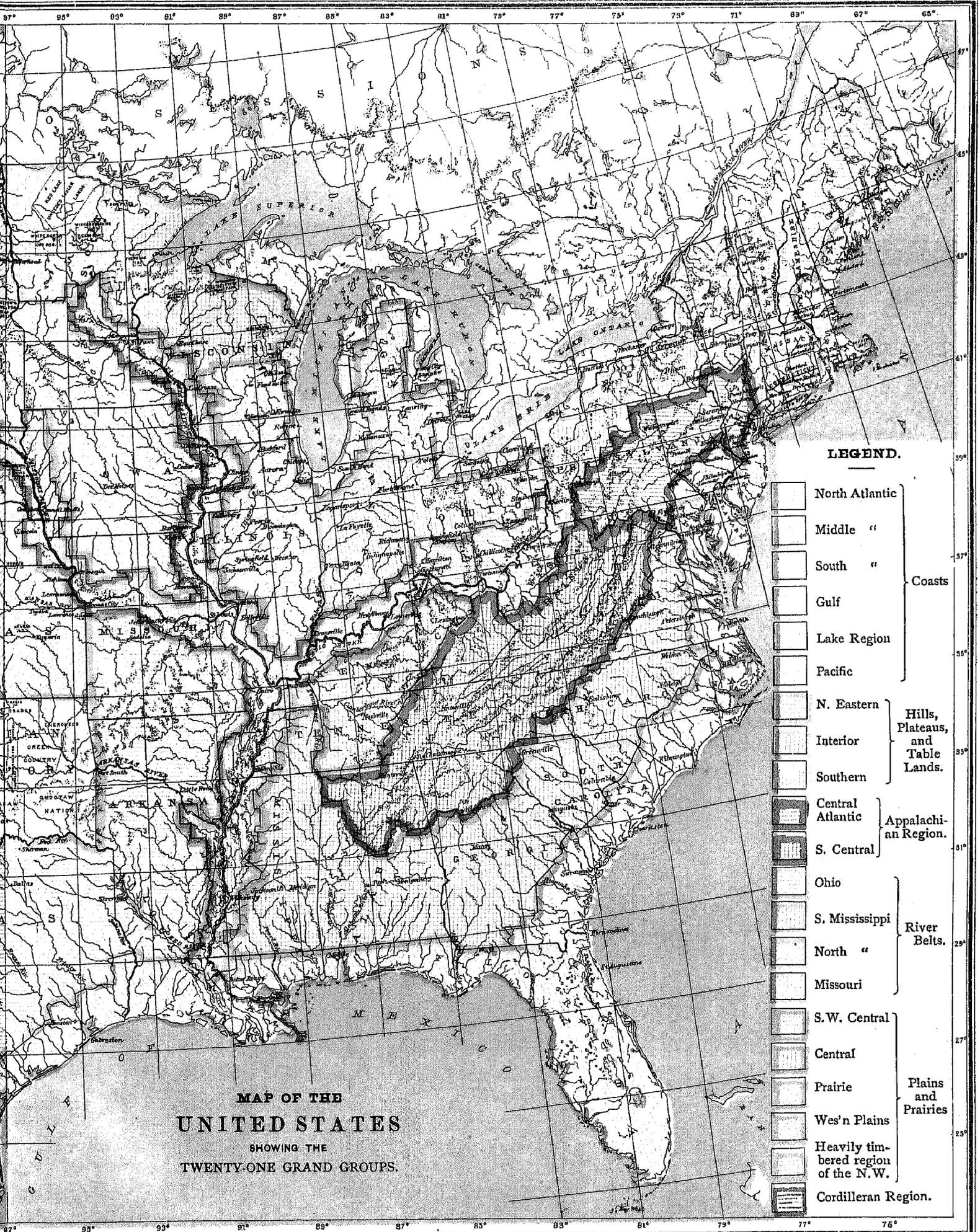
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**MAP OF THE
UNITED STATES**
SHOWING THE
TWENTY-ONE GRAND GROUPS.

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| | Middle " | |
| | South " | |
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| | Lake Region | |
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Plateaus,
and Table
Lands. |
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| | Southern | |
| | Central Atlantic | } Appalachi-
an Region. |
| | S. Central | |
| | Ohio | } River
Belts. |
| | S. Mississippi | |
| | North " | |
| | Missouri | } Plains
and
Prairies |
| | S.W. Central | |
| | Central | |
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of the N.W. |
| | Cordilleran Region. | |

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SECTION VII.—LOCALITY IN RELATION TO DEATHS.

In order to study the influence upon the health of the inhabitants exerted by peculiarities of topography, drainage, climate, etc., the country has been divided into regions, the physical characteristics of which are more or less distinct. This division was made by Mr. Gannett, the geographer of the Census Office, and in the following account of these grand groups his descriptions of each of them are included, together with notes on peculiarities of climate, density of population, etc., and references to some of the causes of death which are either unusually frequent, or the reverse, for each locality.

The division of the country into grand groups is shown in Map No. 1. Each grand group is made up of a number of state groups, as explained on pages xiv, xv, and xvi of the introductory remarks to Part I, and the list of the counties composing each state group, arranged by states in alphabetical order, is given on pages li to lxiii of the same volume.

The first four of these regions, which comprise the whole Atlantic and Gulf coasts, possess primarily a sea climate. In this region, to a greater or less extent, the extremes of heat and cold are lessened and mitigated by the presence of that great balance-wheel of temperature, the ocean. The atmosphere is moister and, as a rule, the rainfall is greater than that of the country farther inland. This region, however, varies in its different parts very greatly in respect to temperature and surface, in such a manner as to produce very decided differences in its relations to certain causes of disease.

GRAND GROUP 1.—NORTH ATLANTIC COAST REGION.

This comprises a strip of land from 50 to 75 miles wide along the coast of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. The surface is mainly undulating and hilly, becoming less varied toward the south. The coast is bold and rocky in Maine, but mostly sandy and low in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. There is comparatively little swamp or undrained land. The mean annual temperature is from 40° to 50° F. The mean annual rainfall is from 40 to 50 inches. The mean elevation is from 100 to 500 feet, sloping toward the shore. The density of population is over 45 persons to the square mile, and over 90 in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The colored population forms less than 7 per cent. of the whole. The foreign population is from 20 to 35 per cent. of the whole, except on the coast of Maine, where it is below 5 per cent.

The principal causes of death which are reported as causing more than the average number of deaths out of the whole number reported are, for this group: Scarlet fever, cholera infantum, old age, consumption, hydrocephalus, cancer, diseases of the nervous system, especially apoplexy and paralysis, diseases of the circulatory system, especially diseases of the heart, bronchitis, Bright's disease, drowning, and suicides.

The proportion of deaths reported as due to diphtheria is a little less than for the whole of the United States. It is lower in the southern portion of Connecticut than farther north. Scarlet fever was most prevalent as an epidemic during the year in Rhode Island.

The causes of death in which the proportion is decidedly lower in this grand group than for the average of the United States are: Measles, hooping-cough, enteric fever, diarrhœa and dysentery, malarial fevers, puerperal septiciœmia, scrofula and tabes, dropsy, pneumonia, abortion, child-birth, diseases of the spleen, burns and scalds.

The proportion of deaths from consumption is high on the Maine coast, diminishing somewhat as we go south. The proportion of deaths from croup is very low, except in Connecticut, where it is low. The proportion of deaths from enteric fever is low throughout the whole group. The proportion of still-births in this region is comparatively high, especially in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, being much lower in Maine and New Hampshire. A partial explanation at least of the unusual prevalence of certain causes of death in this region, as well as in Grand Group 5, is the greater proportion of persons of advanced age in the living population, and the consequent greater proportion of deaths from those diseases, such as cancer, paralysis and apoplexy, and heart disease, which increase in frequency in advanced life.

GRAND GROUP 2.—MIDDLE ATLANTIC COAST REGION.

This includes a strip of land comprising the coast counties of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. The climate is somewhat milder than that of Grand Group 1. The surface is low and sandy, and along the New Jersey coast we find characteristic sandy reefs, shoreward from which are lagoons, succeeded by extensive areas of swamp. Farther inland the country is low, nowhere rising more than 100 feet above the level of the sea. The mean annual temperature is from 45° to 50° F. in the northern portion, and 55° to 60° in the southern portion. The mean annual rainfall is from 45 to 55 inches. The average density of population is over 45 to the square mile. In New York and northern New Jersey it is over 90 to the square mile. In the northern part the colored population is below 7 per cent. of the whole, while in the southern part it forms from 35 to 60 per cent. of the population. The foreign population is below 5 per cent., except in New York and northern New Jersey, where it is from 20 to 34 per cent.

The following are the causes to which are attributed a decidedly greater proportion of deaths out of all those reported than is the case for the average of the United States: Diarrhœa, cholera infantum, inanition, premature birth, still-birth, debility, consumption, hydrocephalus, apoplexy, convulsions, diseases of the heart, bronchitis, dentition, Bright's disease, and peritonitis.

The proportion of deaths from the following-named causes is below the average: Measles, diphtheria, hooping-cough, enteric fever, malarial fever, erysipelas, dropsy, diseases of the brain, croup, pneumonia, abortion and child-birth, and accidents and injuries.

Diphtheria is low throughout the group, especially so in the southern portion. The proportion of deaths from scarlet fever is very low in Virginia, and low in New York and Delaware. The proportion of deaths from malarial fever is low in the northern parts. The proportion from diarrhœal diseases is very high in the southern half of this group. The proportion of deaths from consumption is comparatively high in Delaware, lower in New Jersey, New York, and Maryland, and lowest on the Virginia coast. The proportion of deaths from typhoid fever throughout the group is comparatively low.

The proportion of deaths from different causes in this grand group is influenced to a great extent by the presence in it of the large cities of Brooklyn, New York, Baltimore, and Washington.

GRAND GROUP 3.—SOUTH ATLANTIC COAST REGION.

This includes the coast counties of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, with extensive reefs inclosing large bays and sounds. A large proportion of the area is low and swampy. It includes that portion of the states above mentioned which lies below what is called the "fall line", that is, the line which forms the boundary of the metamorphic region. The mean annual temperature is from 60° to 65° F. The mean annual rainfall is from 50 to 60 inches. The density of population on the coast of North Carolina and the northern portion of South Carolina is from 6 to 18 to the square mile. For the rest of the group it varies from 18 to 45 per square mile. The average elevation above the sea is less than 100 feet. The proportion of foreign population is less than 5 per cent. of the total population. The colored population is over 50 per cent.

The following causes of death are given as causing a greater proportion of the whole number of deaths reported than the average for the United States, namely: Measles, hooping-cough, diarrhœa, worms (in the rural districts), dropsy, tetanus, trismus nascentium, dentition, urinary calculus, child-birth, burns and scalds, exposure and neglect, and gunshot wounds.

The following are the causes from which the proportion of deaths is reported as being less than the average, namely: Scarlet fever, cholera infantum, erysipelas, puerperal septicæmia, old age, consumption, hydrocephalus, cancer, diseases of the nervous system, diseases of the circulatory system, croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, Bright's disease and other diseases of the kidneys, and diseases of the bones and joints. The proportion of still-births is in excess in this region, and the number of deaths from abortion is below the average. Diphtheria was somewhat more prevalent in South Carolina and Georgia than in North Carolina. The proportion of deaths from malarial fever is especially high in the coast region of North Carolina. The mortality from pneumonia is low throughout this region. The proportion of deaths from consumption is low on the Carolina coast, and slightly higher on the Georgia coast. The proportion of deaths from heart disease and dropsy is very high in the Carolinas, and somewhat less, but still high, in Georgia. The proportion of deaths from enteric fever increases from south to north, being low in Georgia and somewhat higher in the Carolinas. The proportion of deaths from child-birth is lowest in North Carolina and increases as we go south. The proportion of still-born is very high in South Carolina and Georgia. In this region the large proportion which the colored element forms of the population accounts for many of the peculiarities in the proportions of deaths due to various causes.

GRAND GROUP 4.—GULF COAST REGION.

This region includes the entire state of Florida and the coast counties of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. In Florida and Louisiana a large portion is uninhabited swamp land. The mean annual temperature is from 70° to 75° F.; the mean annual rainfall is over 55 inches. The density of the population is nowhere above 45 to the square mile, and over a large portion of this region it is below 6 to the square mile. The elevation above the sea is less than 100 feet, with the exception of a small part of interior northern Florida, where it is from 100 to 500 feet. The colored population of this group forms from 35 to 60 per cent. of the whole; the foreign population is below 5 per cent., except on the Texas coast, where it rises to 30 per cent. and over.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed more than the average proportion of deaths are chiefly: Hooping-cough, diarrhœa and dysentery, malarial fever, debility, consumption, dropsy, tetanus and trismus nascentium, dentition, diseases of the liver, Bright's disease, child-birth, and gunshot wounds.

The proportion of deaths from malarial fever is high in Florida and Alabama, slightly lower in Louisiana and Texas, and is low in the small portion of Mississippi belonging to this group. The proportion of deaths from diarrhœal diseases is high in Louisiana and Texas, slightly lower in Florida and Alabama. The proportion of deaths from heart disease and dropsy is very high in Florida and Alabama, high in Mississippi, and somewhat lower in Louisiana and Texas, decreasing as it passes from east to west. The proportionate number of still-births is high in Alabama, Louisiana, and Texas, lower in Mississippi and in Florida.

The causes of death to which in this region the proportion of deaths attributed is below the average are as follows, namely: Measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, enteric fever, cholera infantum, erysipelas, puerperal septicæmia, old age, croup, pneumonia and diseases of the respiratory system in general, and diseases of the bones and joints.

GRAND GROUP 5.—NORTHEASTERN HILLS AND PLATEAUS.

Grand Groups 5, 6, and 9 include the area of high lands stretching from northeast to southwest which has generally received the name of the Appalachian region. It comprises the broken, hilly country of Maine, the White mountains of New Hampshire, and the Green mountains of Vermont, the hills of central Massachusetts and of northern Connecticut, the Adirondacks and Catskills of New York, the multitudinous ridges and ranges of Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, and Alabama.

The northeastern Appalachian region, or Grand Group 5, includes all that portion of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut not comprised in the coast strip, with all of Vermont, and the northern portion, including the Adirondacks, of New York. The area is by no means all strictly mountainous country. It includes a large amount of hilly, broken country. It was originally covered with dense forests, which have in the settled portions been largely cut away. The climate is severe, being affected comparatively little by the sea, and the mean annual temperature over most of this area is less than 45° F. In some parts, although not the most thickly settled ones, it falls below 40° F. The annual rainfall is from 35 to 45 inches. The mean density of population is below 45 per square mile. The elevation is mostly above 500 feet, and in considerable parts rises to mountains from 3,000 to 5,000 or even 6,000 feet in height. The colored population is below 7 per cent. of the whole, and the foreign population below 10 per cent.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed more than an average proportion of the deaths reported, are as follows: Diphtheria, old age, consumption, hydrocephalus, cancer, tumors, glycosuria, apoplexy and paralysis, diseases of the heart, and Bright's disease and diseases of the kidney and bladder.

The proportion of deaths from diphtheria is very high in the northern and western portion, Maine and New York, and is lower in Vermont, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. The rate for consumption is very high in Maine, and is also high in Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut; it is somewhat lower in New Hampshire and New York. The proportion of deaths from heart disease and dropsy is very high throughout the whole region, but is somewhat less in Massachusetts. The proportion of still-births is very high in Massachusetts, and is also high in Vermont and Connecticut. The proportion of deaths reported as due to old age is very high throughout this group, and the remark made, in speaking of Group 1, in regard to the influence exercised by the large proportion of persons of advanced age in the living population, applies to this group with even greater force.

The causes of death in Grand Group 5 to which are attributed less than an average proportion of the deaths reported are mainly as follows: Measles, scarlet fever, hooping-cough, enteric fever, diarrhœa, dysentery, cholera infantum, malarial fever, puerperal septicæmia, premature birth, scrofula and tabes, convulsions, croup, bronchitis, dentition, child-birth, abortion, and accidents and injuries.

The proportion of deaths from malarial fever is very low throughout the entire region, with the exception of Connecticut, where it is low. The proportion of deaths from pneumonia is especially low in Maine, New Hampshire, and New York. The proportion of deaths from consumption is very high in Maine, and continues comparatively high throughout the group, diminishing somewhat as it passes to the southwest. The proportion of deaths due to enteric fever is comparatively low throughout this region.

GRAND GROUP 6.—THE CENTRAL APPALACHIAN REGION.

This comprises the Catskill region of southeastern New York, the central portion of Pennsylvania, and the western part of Maryland, and chiefly consists of narrow parallel ridges, with singularly uniform crests, broken by few gaps, and rising from 1,000 to 2,000 feet above the narrow valleys separating them, which, in their turn, are from 500 to 1,000 feet above the sea. The mean annual temperature is from 40° to 45° F. The mean annual rainfall is from 35 to 40 inches. The density of the population is below 45 persons per square mile. The proportion of the colored population is below 7 per cent. The proportion of the foreign population is between 10 and 20 per cent.

The causes of death in this region, to which are attributed more than an average proportion of the deaths reported, are as follows: Scarlet fever, diphtheria, old age, cancer, diseases of the nervous system, more especially apoplexy, paralysis and convulsions, diseases of the heart, and railroad accidents.

The proportion of deaths from diphtheria is very high in Pennsylvania and comparatively low in Maryland. Scarlet fever is also very high in Pennsylvania, high in New York, and low in Maryland. The proportion of deaths from heart disease and dropsy is very high in New York, and somewhat lower in Pennsylvania and Maryland. The proportion of still-births reported is very high in Maryland, moderately high in Pennsylvania, and low in New York. The proportion of deaths from old age is very high in New York, high in Maryland, and slightly lower in Pennsylvania.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed less than the average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Measles, hooping-cough, enteric fever, diarrhoea, dysentery, malarial fever, erysipelas, puerperal septicæmia, premature birth, still-birth, scrofula and tabes, dentition, and child-birth and abortion.

The proportion of deaths from malarial fever and from child-birth is very low through this region. Pneumonia is also comparatively low throughout. The proportion of deaths from enteric fever is low in New York and Pennsylvania, and slightly higher in Maryland.

GRAND GROUP 7.—REGION OF THE GREAT NORTHERN LAKES.

This comprises those parts of New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin which border on the great lakes, and it partakes to a certain extent of the characteristics of the Atlantic coast region. These large bodies of fresh water undoubtedly exert a very considerable influence upon the climate in moderating its extremes. The mean annual temperature in the southern part of this region is from 45° to 50° F., and in the northern portion from 40° to 45° F. The mean annual rainfall is from 30 to 40 inches, except in northern Michigan, where it is only from 20 to 25 inches. The elevation is nowhere above 500 feet. The colored population is below 7 per cent. and the foreign population is over 30 per cent. of the whole.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed more than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, still-births, old age, cancer, convulsions, diseases of the heart, croup, peritonitis, and railroad accidents.

The proportion of deaths from diphtheria is very high on the western lakes, Michigan and Huron, somewhat lower in Ohio and New York bordering on lakes Erie and Ontario. The proportion of deaths from scarlet fever is very high in that part of Ohio bordering on lake Erie. The proportion of deaths from diarrhoeal diseases is very high in Chicago, and is also high on the lake shores of Ohio, Indiana, and Wisconsin; it is somewhat lower in Michigan and New York. The proportion of deaths from heart disease and dropsy is high in New York along lake Ontario, is somewhat lower in Ohio, and is still lower in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. The proportion of still-births is very high through the entire belt, with the exception of a small portion of Indiana bordering on lake Michigan. The proportion of deaths reported as due to old age is high in New York, diminishing steadily as we pass to the west in this region.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed less than the average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Hooping-cough, enteric fever, dysentery, malarial fever, scrofula and tabes, consumption, dropsy, pneumonia, and diseases of the respiratory system generally, dentition, diseases of the liver, urinary calculus, child-birth, and diseases of the bones and joints.

The proportion of deaths reported as due to pneumonia is low throughout the entire region, with the exception of the Indiana shore of lake Michigan, where it is somewhat higher. The proportion of deaths reported as due to consumption is low on the western shore of lake Michigan in Wisconsin, and increases as we pass eastward. The proportion of deaths reported as due to enteric fever is low on the lake shores of New York, Illinois, and Wisconsin, and slightly higher in Michigan and Ohio.

GRAND GROUP 8.—THE INTERIOR PLATEAU.

This comprises that portion of the plain stretching from the base of the Appalachians eastward which includes parts of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and North Carolina, and also, on the west side of the Appalachians, the plateau country of central New York and western Pennsylvania. It consists of three regions, which are not contiguous, viz:

(1) western parts of New York and Pennsylvania, (2) the southeastern corner of Pennsylvania, and (3) central portions of Virginia and North Carolina. The characteristics of the second of these regions, so far as returns of deaths are concerned, are largely due to the fact that it contains the cities of Philadelphia and Reading. These regions have little that is characteristic in climate or surface; lying, as they do, between the Appalachians and the Atlantic coast region on one hand and the lake region on the other, they partake to a certain extent of the climate of both. The surface is broken and hilly, but nowhere rises into mountains. The group is an upland country originally covered with forests, which have been in great part cut away. It contains comparatively little water-surface or swamp-land. The mean annual temperature is from 45° to 50° F. The annual rainfall is from 40 to 45 inches in that part east of the Appalachians; from 30 to 35 inches in the northern portion. The density of population varies from 45 to 90 per square mile. The proportion of the colored population is below 7 per cent. in Pennsylvania, and about 35 per cent. in Virginia and North Carolina. The foreign population is about 10 per cent. of the whole in Pennsylvania, and is below 1 per cent. in Virginia and North Carolina.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed more than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Diphtheria, debility, old age, consumption, cancer, tumor, dropsy, apoplexy, paralysis, convulsions, diseases of the heart, and Bright's disease and diseases of the kidney.

The proportion of deaths reported as due to diphtheria is highest in Pennsylvania, somewhat lower in New York and North Carolina, and comparatively low in Virginia. The proportion of deaths from diarrhœal diseases is high in North Carolina and Virginia, and also in the northern portion of this group. The proportion of deaths from consumption is high in New York, somewhat lower in Pennsylvania and Virginia, and lowest in North Carolina. The proportion of deaths from heart disease and dropsy is very high in New York, and is high in the remaining portion of this region. The proportion of still-births is very high in Virginia, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania, and considerably lower in New York. The proportion of deaths from old age is high in New York, somewhat lower in Pennsylvania and Virginia, and still less in North Carolina.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed less than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Measles, hooping-cough, dysentery, malarial fever, croup, pneumonia, and diseases of the respiratory system generally, child-birth, and abortion.

The proportion of deaths from scarlet fever is very low in Virginia and North Carolina. The proportion of deaths from malarial fever is very low in the northern part, increasing as we pass to the south. The proportion of deaths from pneumonia is low in Pennsylvania and North Carolina, and a little higher in New York and Virginia. Croup is low throughout the entire region. Enteric fever is low in Virginia, New York, and Pennsylvania, and considerably higher in North Carolina. The mortality from child-birth is very low in New York and Pennsylvania, and somewhat higher in Virginia and North Carolina.

The effect of the increase in the proportion of the colored population in the southern part of this group is shown in the increase of certain causes of death.

GRAND GROUP 9.—SOUTHERN CENTRAL APPALACHIAN REGION.

This region is a continuation of Grand Groups 5 and 6, passing to the southwest. It includes portions of Virginia, West Virginia, the Carolinas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. In Virginia and West Virginia the character of the country is very similar to that of Grand Group 6, but as we proceed southward there is a gradual rise in the ridges, and a tendency to break up into peaks, which in North Carolina develops to the highest degree, presenting in the western part of that state a complex of mountains, rising without much apparent system to heights of from 6,000 to 6,700 feet. In Virginia and farther southward the feature which was outlined in Pennsylvania becomes very characteristic, viz, the great valley occupied in northern Virginia by the Shenandoah, farther south by the branches of the New river and the heads of the Tennessee, and in Tennessee by the river of that name. This forms a great depression which, throughout the whole region, is traversed by numberless minor ranges and ridges, while it is limited on either side by higher ranges, represented in North Carolina by the mountains of the western part of that state, while the western boundary of the belt is the Cumberland range or plateau. In Georgia and Alabama these ranges gradually fade out and disappear. The mountains of this region rise from 1,000 to 6,700 feet above the sea, and the valleys are at elevations varying from 500 to 2,000 feet. The temperature of the habitable portions of this region varies with the altitude and the latitude, but nowhere is the mean annual temperature much higher than 55° F., and it falls below 40° in the higher country. This region is covered with heavy forests of pine and hard wood. The mean annual rainfall is from 35 to 45 inches in the northern half, and from 50 to 60 inches in the southern half. The density of population is below 45 persons to the square mile. The colored population is below 17 per cent. of the whole. The foreign population is below 1 per cent., except in a few localities, and is nowhere above 5 per cent.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed more than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows, viz: Measles, hooping-cough, enteric fever, diarrhœa, dysentery, still-births, rheumatism, scrofula and tabes, dropsy, croup, pleurisy, urinary calculus, diseases of the bones and joints, and gunshot wounds.

The proportion of deaths reported as due to diarrhœal diseases is very high in North Carolina and Georgia, and also high in Tennessee. It is somewhat lower in West Virginia, Virginia, South Carolina, Alabama, and Kentucky. The proportion of deaths from heart disease and dropsy is very high in North Carolina, and is also high in Virginia, South Carolina, and Georgia. It is somewhat lower in West Virginia, Tennessee, and Alabama. The proportion of deaths from croup is very high in Kentucky and the Carolinas. It is also high in Georgia and Tennessee. Enteric fever is high in the southern portion in Georgia and Alabama, and is somewhat lower in the remaining portion. The proportion of still-births is high throughout, being a little lower in Alabama than in the rest of the group.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed less than an average proportion of the deaths reported, are as follows: Scarlet fever, diphtheria, cholera infantum, malarial fever, erysipelas, debility, old age, consumption, hydrocephalus, cancer, diseases of the nervous system, especially convulsions, diseases of the heart, pneumonia, bronchitis, Bright's disease and diseases of the kidney, and child-birth.

GRAND GROUP 10—THE OHIO RIVER BELT.

This group includes those parts of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia which border on the Ohio river. It is an area of broken country, becoming more and more diversified in the upper part of the river. For the most part the rivers flow in deep, narrow valleys, bordered by high bluffs and broken hills. The area of bottom-land is limited. The mean annual temperature is from 45° to 55° F. The annual rainfall is from 45 to 50 inches. The density of population is from 45 to 90 per square mile. The elevation is less than 500 feet from the mouth of the Ohio river to Cincinnati, and above this point it is from 500 to 1,000 feet. The colored population is below 7 per cent. north of the Ohio river, and from 17 to 35 per cent. south of that stream. The foreign population is from 5 to 20 per cent. north of the Ohio river and from 1 to 5 per cent. south of it.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed more than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Scarlet fever, enteric fever, cholera infantum, inanition, still-births, scrofula and tabes, consumption, diseases of the nervous system, and diseases of the bones and joints.

The proportion of deaths from scarlet fever is especially high in Indiana, and somewhat lower in Kentucky and West Virginia. The proportion of deaths from diarrhœal diseases is high along the entire northern bank, in Indiana and Ohio, and somewhat lower in Kentucky and West Virginia. The proportion of deaths from consumption is comparatively high in Ohio, and somewhat lower in the rest of the group. The proportion of still-births is very high throughout the whole region.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed less than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Diphtheria, malarial fever, debility, diseases of the heart, diseases of the respiratory system, more especially croup, pneumonia and pleurisy, diseases of the digestive system, Bright's disease, child-birth, and accidents and injuries.

The proportion of deaths from diphtheria is very low in Kentucky and Indiana, and considerably higher in West Virginia. The proportion of deaths from malarial fever is very low in Ohio and West Virginia; it is low in Kentucky, and somewhat higher in the southern part of Indiana. The proportion of deaths from pneumonia is very low in the eastern part of this group, and slightly higher in Indiana and Kentucky. The proportion of deaths reported as due to croup is very low on the northern bank of the Ohio, and considerably higher on the south bank. The proportion of deaths from enteric fever is low throughout, being slightly higher in West Virginia than in the other states. The proportion of deaths reported as due to child-birth is very low throughout.

GRAND GROUP 11.—SOUTHERN INTERIOR PLATEAU.

This includes the section of the Atlantic plain which extends across South Carolina and Georgia, with the region in central Alabama and Mississippi lying between the Appalachian region and the Gulf coast belt. It is for the most part level and heavily timbered, principally with pine, a large extent of the surface being what is popularly known as "pine barrens". It has a warm climate, and during summer the temperature rises much higher than on the coast. The mean annual temperature is from 60° to 70° F. The annual rainfall is heavy—from 50 to 60 inches. The density of population is from 18 to 45 persons per square mile. The elevation is for the most part below 1,000 feet. The colored population forms about 60 per cent. of the whole. The foreign population is below 1 per cent., except in a few small localities.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed more than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Measles, whooping-cough, enteric fever and fever unspecified, diarrhœa, dysentery and enteritis, malarial fever, puerperal septicæmia, worms, scrofula and tabes, dropsy, diseases of the respiratory system, and especially croup, pneumonia and pleurisy, urinary calculus, dentition, child-birth, accidents and injuries, more especially burns and scalds, exposure and neglect, and gunshot wounds.

The proportion of deaths from malarial fever is very high in Alabama, and somewhat lower in the rest of the group. The proportion of deaths from heart disease and dropsy is very high in South Carolina and Alabama, high in Georgia, and slightly lower in Mississippi.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed less than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Scarlet fever, diphtheria, cholera infantum, erysipelas, debility, old age, consumption, hydrocephalus, cancer, tumor, diseases of the nervous system, diseases of the heart, bronchitis, Bright's disease, and diseases of the kidney and of the bones and joints.

The proportion of deaths from diphtheria and scarlet fever is very low. From pneumonia it is very low in South Carolina, low in Georgia, and slightly higher in Alabama and Mississippi. From consumption the proportion is very low in Georgia and Alabama, and slightly higher in South Carolina and Mississippi. From croup, child-birth, and old age it is low throughout.

GRAND GROUP 12.—SOUTH MISSISSIPPI RIVER BELT.

Along the Mississippi and Missouri rivers lie narrow belts characterized by a considerable extent of low bottom-land with rich, deep, moist soil. All this region that borders the lower Mississippi from the neighborhood of the coast to the mouth of the Ohio is included in this group, and has very characteristic features. It includes the river counties of Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana. It is an alluvial bottom-land, lying very low with relation to the river, and subject to overflow. The drainage is poor, and there are large areas of swamp-land and stagnant water. Vegetation is very rank, being almost tropical in its luxuriance. The mean annual temperature is from 60° to 70° F. The annual rainfall is from 50 to 55 inches. The density of population is from 18 to 45 persons per square mile. The elevation is between 100 and 500 feet. The colored population is about 60 per cent. of the whole. The foreign population is from 1 to 5 per cent.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed more than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Hooping-cough, malarial fever and fever unspecified, diarrhoea, dysentery, worms, dropsy, pneumonia, dentition, child-birth and abortion, and accidents and injuries, especially gunshot wounds. The proportion of deaths reported as due to malarial fever is very high throughout this group. From diarrhoeal diseases it is somewhat high throughout, and very high in Kentucky. The proportion of deaths from consumption is low in this group, with the exception of that part of Kentucky bordering on the river. From heart disease and dropsy it is high in the northern portion, near the mouth of the Ohio, somewhat lower in Tennessee and Arkansas, and again higher in the south. The proportion of deaths from child-birth is low in Tennessee, higher in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi, and quite high in Kentucky. The proportion from still-birth is very high on the eastern bank of the river, and considerably lower on the western bank.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed less than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, enteric fever, cholera infantum, premature birth, debility, old age, consumption, cancer, tumor, apoplexy and paralysis, diseases of the circulatory system, and especially diseases of the heart, croup, bronchitis, Bright's disease and diseases of the kidney, diseases of the bones and joints, and suicides.

The proportion of deaths from diphtheria and from scarlet fever is very low throughout, with the exception of the west bank of the river in Arkansas, where it is quite high from scarlet fever. From pneumonia it is low on the eastern bank of the river in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Kentucky, while on the opposite bank it is considerably higher. From consumption the proportion is very low in Arkansas, low in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee, and considerably higher near the mouth of the Ohio river in Kentucky. The proportion of deaths from croup is very low throughout the entire belt except in the Kentucky portion. The same is true for enteric fever.

GRAND GROUP 13.—NORTH MISSISSIPPI RIVER BELT.

This extends from the mouth of the Ohio to the head of the Mississippi river, including portions of Missouri, Iowa, and Minnesota on the western, and of Illinois and Wisconsin on the eastern bank. The mean annual temperature is from 40° to 45° F. in the northern portion, and from 50° to 55° F. in the southern portion. The annual rainfall is from 30 to 40 inches in the northern part and from 40 to 50 inches in the southern part. The density of population is from 18 to 45 persons per square mile, except in the extreme north, where it is from 6 to 18 per square mile. The elevation in the southern portion is less than 500 feet, and rises toward the north to points from 500 to 1,000 feet. The proportion of the colored population in the southern portion is from 7 to 17 per cent., decreasing toward the north, in the extreme part of which it is below 1 per cent. The foreign population varies from 10 to 35 per cent.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed more than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Enteric fever, diarrhoea and dysentery, cholera infantum, malarial fever, erysipelas, septicæmia and puerperal septicæmia, inanition, still-births, debility, convulsions, tetanus and trismus nascentium, and diseases of the respiratory system, especially pneumonia.

Diphtheria is low in the southern part of this group, gradually increasing toward the north, becoming very high in the Wisconsin counties. The proportion of still-births is decidedly higher on the western bank than it is on the eastern.

The following are the causes of death in this region to which are attributed less than an average proportion of the number of deaths: Scarlet fever, diphtheria and hooping-cough, old age, scrofula and tabes, consumption, hydrocephalus, cancer, dropsy, diseases of the heart, Bright's disease, urinary calculus and diseases of the kidney, diseases of the bones and joints, and accidents and injuries.

The proportion of deaths from malarial fever is very low in the northern part of this region. The same is true for pneumonia, both gradually increasing toward the south. The proportion of deaths from enteric fever is low in Iowa and Missouri, and slightly higher in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois. The proportion of deaths from child-birth is very low in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Missouri.

GRAND GROUP 14.—SOUTHWEST CENTRAL REGION.

This includes the northwestern part of Louisiana, the southern part of Missouri, all of Arkansas except such portions of these states as belong to the South Mississippi river belt, and central Texas. It is mainly upland, and, with the exception of parts of Texas, is heavily timbered. In Louisiana it is traversed by a narrow strip of bottom-land along the Red river. A considerable part of this region in Missouri and Arkansas is occupied by the Ozark hills, which rise to 1,000 feet or more above sea-level, or 400 to 500 feet above the surrounding country. The mean annual temperature is from 60° to 70° F. The annual rainfall is from 35 to 50 inches. The density of the population is from 6 to 18 persons per square mile, rising to from 18 to 45 in some small districts. The elevation is from 100 to 500 feet, with some peaks rising to 1,000 feet. The colored population forms from 17 to 60 per cent. of the whole. The foreign population is below 5 per cent., except in southern Texas, where it rises to from 20 to 30 per cent. and over.

The causes of death in this region to which more than an average proportion of the deaths reported are attributed are as follows: Small-pox, measles, hooping-cough, enteric fever, diarrhœa and dysentery, malarial fever, erysipelas, puerperal septicæmia, worms, diseases of the respiratory organs, more especially croup and pneumonia, diseases of the digestive organs, child-birth and abortion, and gunshot wounds.

The proportion of deaths from malarial fever is very high in Arkansas, and also large throughout the group. The proportion from diarrhœal diseases is very high in Texas and Missouri, and somewhat lower in Louisiana. The proportion of deaths from pneumonia is very high in the northern part of Louisiana, and lower in the rest of the group. The proportion of deaths from enteric fever is high in Missouri, somewhat lower in Texas, and low in Arkansas and Louisiana. The proportion of still-births is very high in Texas, high in Missouri, and somewhat lower in Arkansas and Louisiana.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed less than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Scarlet fever, diphtheria, cholera infantum, debility, old age, consumption, cancer, tumors, paralysis, convulsions, diseases of the heart, bronchitis, Bright's disease and diseases of the kidney, diseases of the bones and joints, and suicides.

The proportion of deaths from diphtheria, scarlet fever, and consumption is very low throughout this region. The proportion of deaths from heart disease and dropsy is high in Louisiana, but low elsewhere in the group. The proportion of deaths from child-birth is very low in Missouri, is low in Arkansas and Texas, and slightly higher in Louisiana. From old age the proportion is very low throughout, except in Louisiana, where it approaches the mean.

GRAND GROUP 15.—CENTRAL REGION, PLAINS AND PRAIRIES.

This includes the plateau running across the northern part of Ohio and Indiana, and the central portions of Kentucky and Tennessee, and is essentially what is left of the eastern portion of the Mississippi valley after taking from it other characteristic regions. The surface is for the most part undulating, presenting neither the dead level of the prairies on the one hand, nor the broken character marking the western foot-hills of the Appalachians on the other. The timber which originally covered it has been largely cut away. The mean annual temperature is from 50° to 60° F. The mean annual rainfall is from 40 to 45 inches. The density of the population is from 45 to 90 persons per square mile. The elevation is from 500 to 1,500 feet. The colored population is below 7 per cent. of the whole in the northern part, and from 7 to 35 per cent. in the southern. The foreign population is below 1 per cent. in the southern part, and from 5 to 10 per cent. in the northern portion.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed more than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Hooping-cough, enteric fever, scrofula and tabes, consumption, glycosuria, diseases of the nervous system, croup, pneumonia, and diseases of the bones and joints.

The proportion of deaths from diarrhœal diseases is high in Indiana, and slightly lower in Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The proportion from consumption is high in Kentucky and Tennessee, and somewhat lower in Ohio. On the other hand, heart disease and dropsy give a high proportion of deaths in Ohio, and a lower in Kentucky and Tennessee. The proportion of still-births is very high throughout this region.

The causes of death to which are attributed in this region less than an average proportion of the number of deaths reported are as follows: Scarlet fever, diphtheria, debility, old age, cancer, tetanus and trismus nascentium, convulsions, diseases of the circulatory system, diseases of the digestive system, Bright's disease, child-birth, and accidents and injuries.

The proportion of deaths from diphtheria is very low in Kentucky, and is also low in Indiana; it is higher in Tennessee and Ohio. The proportion of deaths from scarlet fever is highest in this group in Indiana, and is very low in the southern portion. From malarial fever the proportion is low in Ohio and Indiana, and higher in Kentucky and Tennessee. The proportion of deaths from pneumonia is low in this region, being at its highest in Indiana.

GRAND GROUP 16.—THE PRAIRIE REGION.

This comprises most of the state of Illinois, the southern part of Wisconsin, nearly all of Iowa, southern Minnesota, the northern part of Missouri, the eastern half of Kansas, and a considerable portion of Nebraska, with that part of Dakota lying east of the Missouri belt. Though not entirely treeless, forests cover but a small portion of the area, and these are distributed along the water-courses on the faces of bluffs and the tops of knolls. The surface is nearly level, except where cut or scored by streams. The soil is deep, extremely fertile, and generally very retentive of moisture. Originally there were larger areas of swamp-land and standing-water than at present. The mean annual temperature is from 50° to 55° F. in the southern part, and 40° to 45° in the northern part. The mean annual rainfall is from 35 to 40 inches in the eastern part, and from 20 to 25 inches in the western part. The density of the population is from 18 to 45 persons per square mile in the southern and eastern sections; it is below 6 per square mile in the northern and western parts. The elevation is from 500 to 1,000 feet in the eastern portion, gradually rising to from 2,000 to 3,000 feet in the west. The colored population is below 1 per cent. of the whole, except in the southern portion, where it is from 1 to 7 per cent. The foreign population in the southern part is from 1 to 5 per cent.; in the northern part it is from 20 to 35 per cent.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed more than an average proportion of the deaths reported, are as follows: Measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, enteric fever, cholera infantum, erysipelas, puerperal septicaemia, rheumatism, glycosuria, diseases of the respiratory system (more especially croup and pneumonia), child-birth, and diseases of the bones and joints.

The proportion of deaths from diphtheria is very high in Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Iowa; it is high in Wisconsin, and lower in Kansas, Illinois, and Missouri. From scarlet fever the proportion is high in Nebraska. From malarial fever the proportion is high in Kansas, lower in Missouri, and low in the remainder of the group. From diarrhoeal diseases the proportion is very high in the southern portion of this region (Missouri and Kansas); it is also high in Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and Minnesota. The proportion from croup is high in Dakota and Nebraska, somewhat lower in Kansas, Iowa, and Missouri, and low in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. The proportion of still-births is very high in Missouri, and is high throughout the group, with the exception of Wisconsin.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed less than an average proportion of the deaths recorded are as follows: Inanition, debility, consumption, hydrocephalus, cancer, dropsy, diseases of the nervous system (more especially apoplexy, paralysis, and convulsions), diseases of the heart, bronchitis, dentition, Bright's disease, and accidents and injuries.

The proportion of deaths from pneumonia is low throughout the whole of this region, being higher in the southern than in the northern portion. The proportion from consumption is very low in Nebraska and Kansas, and low in Minnesota and Iowa, being somewhat higher in the remainder of the group. The proportion from heart disease and dropsy is low throughout this region, with the exception of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa. The proportion from enteric fever is low in Wisconsin and Dakota, and somewhat higher in the rest of the group. The proportion from child-birth is low in this region, with the exception of Dakota.

GRAND GROUP 17.—THE MISSOURI RIVER BELT.

This comprises a narrow strip across Missouri, with portions of eastern Nebraska, western Iowa, and central Dakota, including in the main a broad area of bottom-land of deep rich soil, subject to overflow in the southern portion. Higher up the river, in Dakota, we enter the sub-humid section of the country, the atmosphere being dryer and the rainfall less. The mean annual temperature is from 40° to 45° F. in the northern part, and from 50° to 55° in the southern part. The mean annual rainfall is from 10 to 20 inches in the northern part, and from 30 to 40 inches in the southern part. The density of population is from 18 to 45 persons per square mile in the southern portion, and it is under 2 per square mile in the northern portion. The elevation is from 500 to 1,000 feet in the southern and central portion, and from 1,500 to 2,000 feet in Dakota. The colored population forms from 7 to 17 per cent. of the whole in the southern part, and practically sinks to nothing in the northern part. The foreign population is from 10 to 20 per cent. in the southern and central portions of this region.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed more than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Measles (more especially in Kansas City), diphtheria, enteric fever, diarrhœal diseases, malarial fever, erysipelas, puerperal septicæmia, lead-poisoning, croup (especially in Kansas City), pneumonia, and gunshot wounds.

The proportion of deaths from diphtheria is very high in the northern and middle portions of this region. The proportion from diarrhœal diseases is high in the southern portion of the region. From pneumonia the proportion is also high in the south, lower in the middle portion, and very low in the north. The proportion of still-births is very high in the northern portion of Dakota, and somewhat lower in the remainder of the group.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed less than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Scarlet fever (with the exception of Kansas City), whooping-cough, inanition, debility, consumption, hydrocephalus, cancer, dropsy, diseases of the nervous system, and especially apoplexy, paralysis, tetanus and trismus nascentium, convulsions, diseases of the heart, diseases of the digestive system, Bright's disease and diseases of the kidney, and accidents and injuries.

The proportion of deaths from scarlet fever is low throughout the entire group, except in the Nebraska River belt and in Kansas City, where an epidemic seems to have prevailed. The proportion from consumption is very low in the northern part, gradually increasing toward the south. From heart disease and dropsy the proportion is very low in the north and is also low in the south, and somewhat higher in the central portion. The proportion of deaths from croup is also low in the northern and southern portions, and somewhat higher in the central portion. From enteric fever the proportion of deaths is very low in Dakota, increasing as we pass to the south. The proportion of deaths from child-birth is very low throughout.

GRAND GROUP 18.—REGION OF THE WESTERN PLAINS.

This extends westward from the border of the prairie region, including parts of Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Dakota, Montana, and New Mexico. The characteristics of the prairie region are here intensified in every particular. The timber is scarce, being found only along the water-courses. The surface is a monotonous rolling expanse, covered only with sparse clumps of bunch-grass, cactus, yucca, and other plants characteristic of a dry climate. The temperature varies from 65° to 70° F. in the southern part, and from 40° to 45° in the northern portion. The mean annual rainfall is from 10 to 20 inches. (The rainfall is in general below 2.5 inches; indeed, this isohyetal line may be taken in general terms as the boundary-line between this and the prairie region, although in the north the cooler climate and smaller evaporation tend to throw the boundary westward, while the reverse condition in the south tends to throw it eastward.) The extremes of temperature in this region are very great, being exceeded only in the still more arid region farther west. The density of the population is under 2 persons per square mile. The elevation is 1,500 feet in the eastern portion, rising to 4,000, 5,000, and 6,000 feet in the west. The colored population, in some parts of Colorado and Kansas, is from 1 to 5 per cent. of the whole; in the remainder of the group it is less than 1 per cent. The foreign population is less than 1 per cent., except in some parts of Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska, where it is from 5 to 34 per cent.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed more than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Small-pox, measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, whooping-cough, fever unspecified, enteric fever, puerperal septicæmia, pneumonia (especially in Denver), pleurisy, and accidents and injuries, more especially exposure and neglect, gunshot wounds, and homicide.

The proportion of deaths from diphtheria is very high in Dakota, Colorado, and Kansas, and is high in Nebraska, being low in the northern and southern extremities of this region. The proportion from scarlet fever is very high in Wyoming, and high in Kansas and Nebraska, being very low in the extreme northern and southern portions of the region. The proportion of deaths from malarial fever is high in Montana, Texas, and Kansas, and very low in Nebraska, Colorado, and New Mexico. From diarrhœal diseases the proportion is very high in Texas, and high in Kansas and Nebraska. From pneumonia the proportion is very high in Dakota, and very low in Texas, New Mexico, and Montana.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed less than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Malarial fever, still-births, debility, old age, rheumatism, scrofula and tabes, consumption, hydrocephalus, cancer, tumor, dropsy, diseases of the nervous system, more especially meningitis, apoplexy, paralysis, tetanus and trismus nascentium, and convulsions, diseases of the heart, dentition, Bright's disease and diseases of the kidney, and diseases of the bones and joints.

The proportion of deaths from consumption is very low in Texas, New Mexico, Wyoming, Kansas, and Montana; it is somewhat higher in Colorado. The proportion from heart disease and dropsy is very low throughout, being slightly higher in Texas than in the rest of this region. The proportion from enteric fever is very low throughout this region, except in Kansas and in Texas. The proportion of still-births is low throughout the region, except in Kansas and Nebraska, where it is very high. The proportion of deaths from old age is very low throughout.

GRAND GROUP 19.—HEAVILY-TIMBERED REGION OF THE NORTHWEST.

This comprises parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. It is heavily timbered and well watered, containing large numbers of small lakes and considerable areas of swamp, especially in Wisconsin and Minnesota. This large water surface, together with the dense forests, tends to give to this region a moist atmosphere, although the rainfall is not great. The mean annual temperature is from 40° to 50° F., and below 40° in northern Wisconsin and Minnesota. The mean annual rainfall is from 30 to 40 inches. The density of population in Wisconsin and Michigan is from 45 to 90 persons per square mile. The elevation is from 1,000 to 1,500 feet. The colored population is below 7 per cent. of the whole. The foreign population is from 20 to 30 per cent. and over.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed more than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Scarlet fever, diphtheria, old age, rheumatism, cancer, tumor, paralysis, diseases of the heart, child-birth, diseases of the bones and joints, and accidents and injuries.

The proportion of deaths from diphtheria is very high in Michigan and Wisconsin, and somewhat lower in Minnesota. The proportion from scarlet fever is high in Wisconsin, also in Minnesota, and low in Michigan. The proportion from diarrhoeal diseases is very high in Minnesota, and also high in Wisconsin. From heart disease and dropsy the proportion is high in Michigan, and considerably lower in Wisconsin and Minnesota. The proportion of still-births is high in Michigan, lower in Wisconsin, and low in Minnesota. The proportion from old age is very high in Michigan, lower in Wisconsin, and low in Minnesota.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed less than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Measles, enteric fever, diarrhoea and dysentery, cholera infantum, malarial fever, puerperal septicæmia, still-births, debility, scrofula and tabes, hydrocephalus, dropsy, diseases of the nervous system, especially convulsions, diseases of the respiratory organs, more especially croup and pneumonia, diseases of the digestive system, dentition, and peritonitis.

The proportion of deaths from malarial fever is low in Michigan, and very low in the remainder of the group. From pneumonia it is very low throughout. From consumption the proportion is low in Wisconsin, and considerably higher in Minnesota and Michigan. From croup it is low throughout. The proportion of deaths from enteric fever is very low in Minnesota and Wisconsin, and low in Michigan. From child-birth it is very low in Michigan, and considerably higher in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

GRAND GROUP 20.—THE CORDILLERAN REGION.

This includes the region westward from the Rocky mountains to the Cascades and Sierra Nevada, consisting mainly of the high plateau crowned by a succession of mountain ranges forming systems of a greater or less degree of complexity. It comprises Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and portions of Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, California, Oregon, and Washington territory. The climate is arid, the rainfall is small, and the extremes of temperature are great between summer and winter, and day and night. As a general thing, the mountains only are timbered, the valleys and level country being covered with herbaceous plants characteristic of an arid climate. The slopes are everywhere amply sufficient to insure good drainage, and therefore swamps and stagnant water are rare. The mean annual temperature is from 40° to 50° F. in the northern and central portions, and from 60° to 65° in the southern portion. The mean annual rainfall is below 10 inches in the central and southwestern portions, and somewhat greater in the eastern and northern portions. The density of population is below 2 persons to the square mile. The elevation is from 4,000 to 10,000 feet and above. The proportion of the colored population is so small as not to be worth taking into account, and the same may be said in regard to the foreign population, except in a few settlements in Colorado, Utah, Montana, and Washington territory, where it forms from 5 to 34 per cent. of the whole.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed more than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Measles, diphtheria, hooping-cough, fever unspecified, erysipelas, puerperal septicæmia, alcoholism, rheumatism, dropsy, diseases of the respiratory organs, more especially pneumonia, child-birth, and accidents and injuries, more especially gunshot wounds, homicide, infanticide, and suicide.

The proportion of deaths from diphtheria is very high throughout the northern portion; it becomes lower as we proceed south. From scarlet fever the proportion is very high in Montana, Wyoming, and New Mexico, and low in the rest of this region. The proportion of still-births is very high in the northwest, in Oregon, and Washington; very low in the southern portion; and moderately high in Utah, California, and Montana.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed less than an average proportion of the number of deaths reported are as follows: Diarrhoea and dysentery, cholera infantum, debility, old age, scrofula and tabes, consumption, hydrocephalus, cancer, tumor, diseases of the nervous system, more especially apoplexy, paralysis, tetanus and convulsions, diseases of the heart, croup, diseases of the digestive system, Bright's disease and diseases of the kidney, and diseases of the bones and joints.

The proportion of deaths from malarial fever is very low throughout the greater part of this group. The same may be said as regards consumption, heart disease and dropsy, croup, enteric fever, and old age. The proportion of deaths from heart disease and dropsy is higher in Oregon and Nevada than in the rest of the group. From enteric fever the proportion is greatest in Oregon, next in Idaho, Colorado, and Arizona. The proportion from child-birth is very high in Arizona, very low in Montana, Wyoming, and Oregon.

GRAND GROUP 21.—PACIFIC COAST REGION.

This comprises the coast portions of Washington, Oregon, and California lying between the ranges of the Cascades and Sierra Nevada and the Pacific coast. It has a well-defined wet and dry season, the former corresponding to the winter in the eastern portion of the country, and the latter to the summer. The northern part receives much more rain than the southern part. The surface consists of a complex range of mountains known as the coast range, running parallel to the coast, east of which is a great valley extending from Puget's Sound to the southern part of California. This is occupied in Oregon by the Willamette and other rivers, in California by the Sacramento and the San Joaquin. East of this valley is a great uplift, represented in Washington Territory and Oregon by the Cascade range, and in California by the Sierra Nevada. The mean annual temperature is from 55° to 65° F. in the southern portion, and from 45° to 55° in the northern portion. The mean annual rainfall is above 60 inches in the north, and below 20 inches in the south. The mean density of population is below 2 persons per square mile, except in the vicinity of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Portland. The elevation varies from the coast-line to 3,000 feet. The colored population is below 7 per cent. of the whole. The foreign population in California forms 20 per cent. and over of the whole; in Washington and Oregon it is from 5 to 10 per cent.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed more than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Puerperal septicæmia, old age, hydrocephalus, cancer, tumor, diseases of the nervous system, especially apoplexy and paralysis, diseases of the heart, diseases of the digestive organs, especially diseases of the liver, Bright's disease, and accidents and injuries, especially gunshot wounds, homicide, and suicide.

The proportion of deaths from diphtheria is very high in Washington territory, and diminishes as we go south. The proportion of deaths from consumption is high in California, and slightly lower in Oregon and Washington territory. From heart disease and dropsy the proportion is slightly above the mean throughout. The proportion of still-births is very high in California, more especially in San Francisco and Oakland, where it rises to 60 per thousand; it is also high in Oregon, and slightly lower in Washington territory.

The causes of death in this region to which are attributed less than an average proportion of the deaths reported are as follows: Measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, whooping-cough, enteric fever, diarrhoeal diseases, malarial fever, erysipelas, old age, rheumatism, scrofula and tabes, dropsy, tetanus, trismus nascentium, croup, pneumonia, pleurisy, diseases of the kidney, and diseases of the bones and joints.

The proportion of deaths from scarlet fever is very low in California and Washington territory, and decidedly higher in Oregon. The proportion of deaths from malarial fever is very low throughout, being slightly higher in Oregon than in California and Washington territory. From pneumonia and croup the proportion is very low throughout. From enteric fever the proportion is very low in Washington territory and California, and high in Oregon. The proportion from child-birth is very low in California, low in Oregon, and higher in Washington territory, increasing as we go north.

In concluding this subject of the relation of special causes of death to topographical features of the country, the general result of the study may be summed up in saying that the conditions of climate, the amount of annual rainfall, the amount of low-lying and swamp land, age and sex, the distribution of the people, and the proportion of the colored and foreign population, appear to be the chief causes of the differences between the several grand groups, or between different portions of the same grand group. Except in so far as it influences climate or drainage, the geological formation of different regions does not appear to have a marked influence upon the proportion of deaths from various causes, with the exception of goiter, urinary calculus, lead-poisoning, and, perhaps, diseases of the digestive organs, due to inorganic impurities in the water-supply.

URBAN AND RURAL MORTALITY.

The records of deaths in this census have been so tabulated as to permit of certain comparisons between the deaths occurring in the fifty largest cities and in the rest of the country, more especially as to the proportion of deaths reported as due to different causes with distinctions of sex and age. In thirty-one of these cities the records derived from a current registration of deaths were copied, and these are used more especially to give the proportion of deaths in the different months. In this country, as elsewhere, the death rate in the cities is larger than in the rural districts, but how much larger we can not state positively from the data at our command. As compared with the rural districts, the cities have been for the last twenty years gaining most in healthiness, owing to the fact

that systematic sanitary work has been carried on in them to a much greater extent than in the smaller towns and villages. The larger mortality of cities is mainly due to an excess of deaths in the earlier years of life. The differences in the proportion of deaths from certain causes in the large cities, as compared with the rest of the country, which for the sake of brevity is designated as "Rural", although it contains a considerable number of large towns, will be considered hereafter in the discussions of the several causes of death. The following tables and diagrams give a connected view of some of the most important of these differences for certain causes and classes of causes:

TABLE 26.—SHOWING FOR RURAL AND CITIES THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM SPECIFIED DISEASES IN 1000 DEATHS FROM KNOWN CAUSES.

Diseases.	Rural.	Cities.	Diseases.	Rural.	Cities.
Pneumonia.....	92.0	69.0	Mensles.....	12.3	7.4
Heart disease and dropsy.....	59.7	46.4	Scrofula and tabes.....	7.5	4.7
Diphtheria.....	57.1	38.0	Tetanus and trismus nascentium.....	2.7	6.1
Accidents and injuries.....	52.4	40.8	Peritonitis.....	3.6	7.9
Enteric fever.....	38.0	16.7	Cancer.....	17.9	18.7
Malarial fever.....	32.8	11.8	Scarlet fever.....	21.6	26.7
Croup.....	26.6	10.1	Diseases of the digestive system.....	45.4	46.7
Child-birth.....	19.5	4.7	Still-born.....	28.0	54.9
Hooping-cough.....	16.9	0.7	Diseases of the nervous system.....	110.8	124.1
Puerperal septicæmia.....	12.8	9.7	Consumption.....	123.6	137.8

FIG. 19.—DIAGRAM SHOWING FOR RURAL AND CITIES THE PROPORTION OF DEATHS FROM SPECIFIED DISEASES IN 1000 DEATHS FROM KNOWN CAUSES.

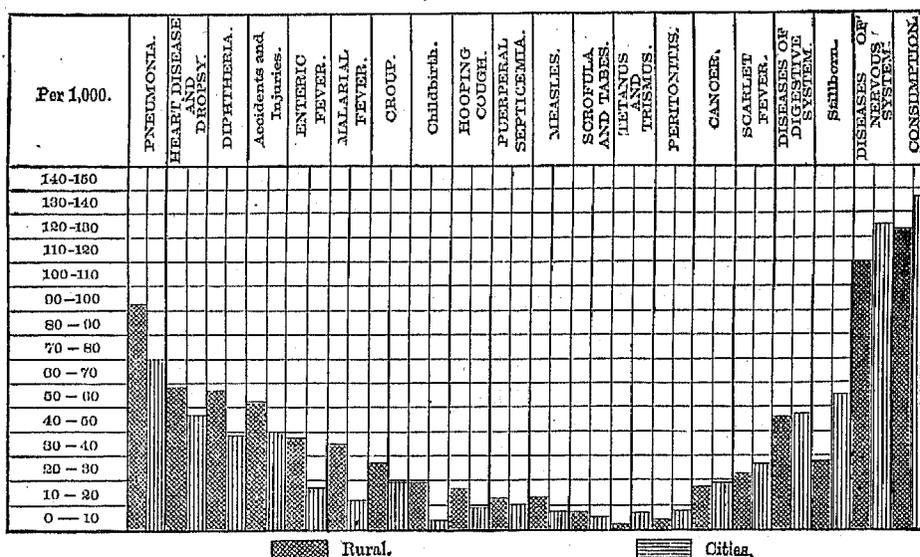
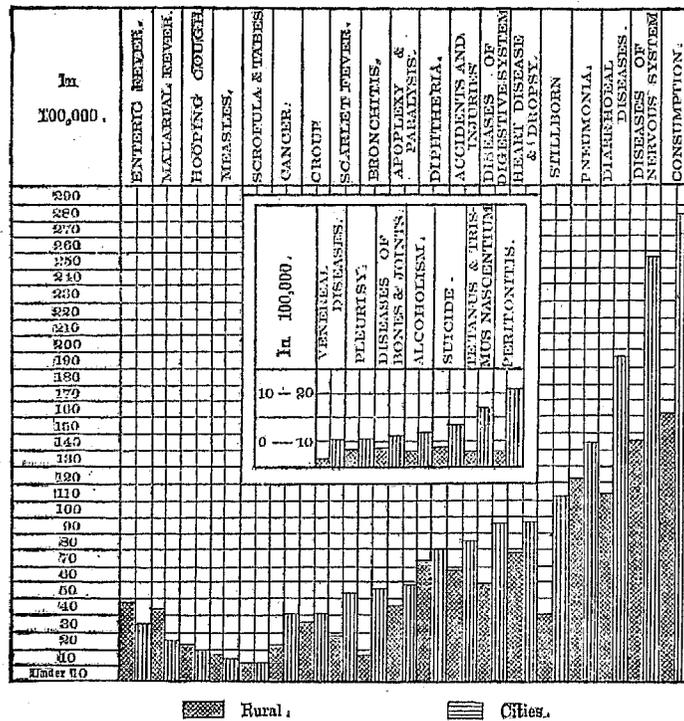


TABLE 27.—SHOWING FOR RURAL AND CITIES THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM SPECIFIED DISEASES IN 100,000 OF POPULATION.

Diseases.	Rural.	Cities.	Diseases.	Rural.	Cities.
Enteric fever.....	47.5	34.6	Heart disease and dropsy.....	78.7	96.3
Malarial fever.....	43.2	24.6	Still-born.....	37.7	113.8
Hooping-cough.....	22.4	20.1	Pneumonia.....	122.5	143.0
Mensles.....	16.2	15.4	Diarrhæal diseases.....	114.3	109.3
Scrofula and tabes.....	9.9	9.9	Diseases of the nervous system.....	146.0	257.2
Cancer.....	23.4	40.1	Consumption.....	162.0	285.5
Croup.....	35.1	40.8	Veneral diseases.....	1.8	5.0
Scarlet fever.....	28.4	55.4	Pleurisy.....	3.5	5.8
Bronchitis.....	13.5	56.1	Diseases of the bones and joints.....	3.8	6.1
Apoplexy and paralysis.....	44.6	59.6	Alcoholism.....	2.3	7.9
Diphtheria.....	75.9	80.0	Suicide.....	4.3	8.6
Accidents and injuries.....	65.1	84.5	Tetanus and trismus nascentium.....	3.6	12.7
Diseases of the digestive system.....	59.9	95.6	Peritonitis.....	4.7	16.5

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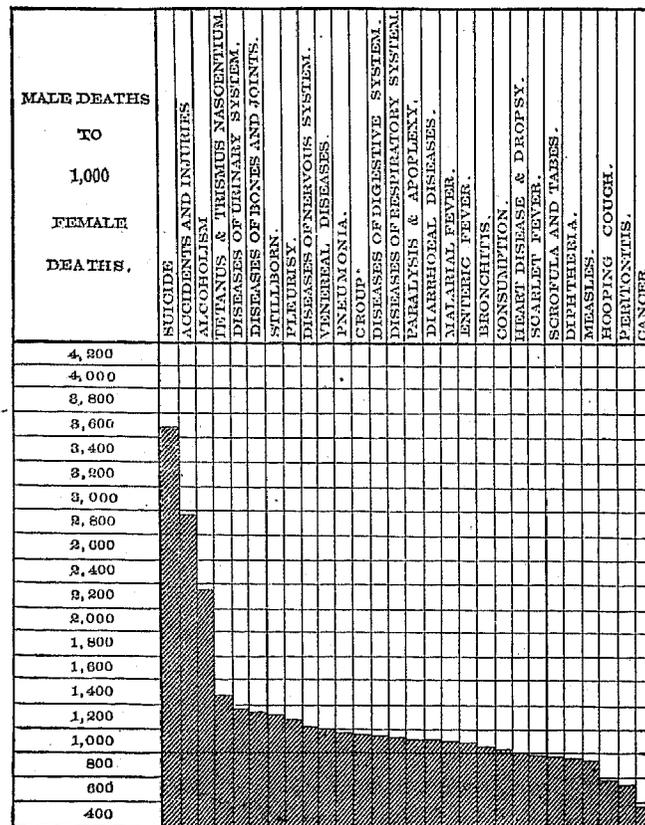
FIG. 20.—DIAGRAM SHOWING FOR RURAL AND CITIES THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM CERTAIN SPECIFIED DISEASES IN 100,000 OF POPULATION.



To estimate the true influence of cities upon the diseases of adult life, it is necessary to consider especially the proportions of deaths reported as due to such diseases for the age-periods above five years, thus to a certain extent avoiding the fallacies due to the great excess of deaths in infancy in the cities, which fallacies arise from comparisons of gross mortality rates.

The following diagrams show for specified diseases the number of male deaths to each 1000 female deaths in 50 cities and in the United States. The tables from which these diagrams were prepared will be found on pages 43 to 556 of Vol. XI:

FIG. 21.—DIAGRAM SHOWING FOR 50 CITIES THE PROPORTION OF MALE DEATHS TO 1000 FEMALE DEATHS FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIED CAUSES.



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FIG. 22.—DIAGRAM SHOWING FOR SPECIFIED DISEASES THE PROPORTION OF MALE DEATHS TO 1000 FEMALE DEATHS IN THE UNITED STATES.

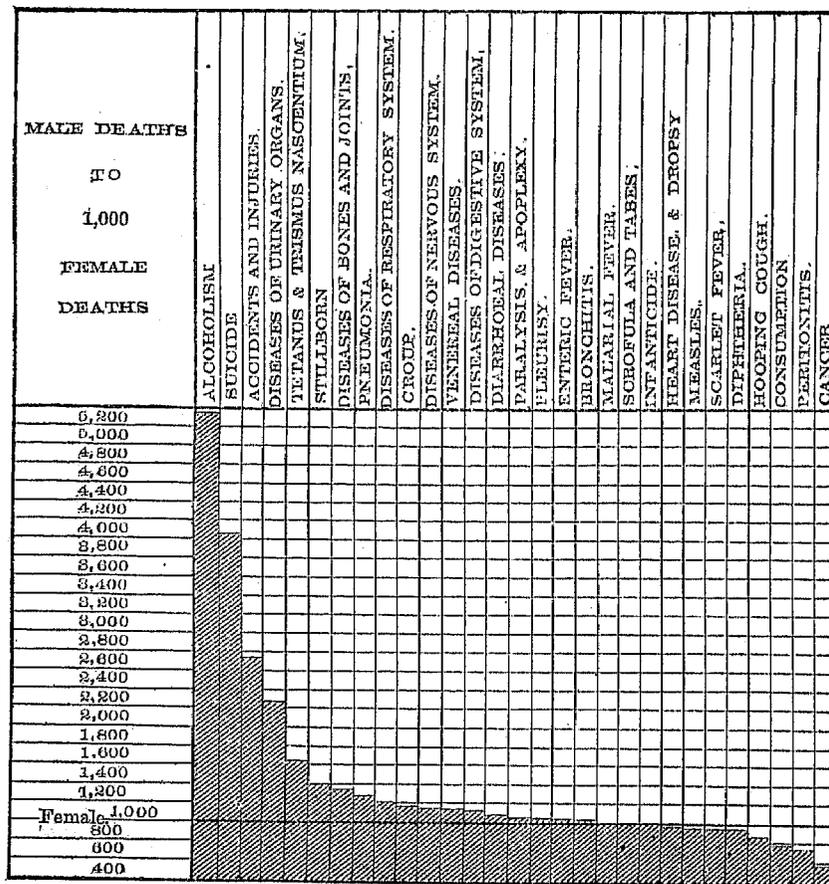


TABLE 28.—SHOWING FOR MALES AND FOR FEMALES IN 50 CITIES, AND IN THE UNITED STATES EXCLUSIVE OF 50 CITIES, THE PROPORTION OF DEATHS FROM SPECIFIED CAUSES AT CERTAIN AGES IN 1,000,000 DEATHS FROM KNOWN CAUSES OF CORRESPONDING AGES.

Diseases.	MALES.								FEMALES.							
	50 cities.				United States, exclusive of 50 cities.				50 cities.				United States, exclusive of 50 cities.			
	Per 1,000,000 deaths from known causes of corresponding ages.				Per 1,000,000 deaths from known causes of corresponding ages.				Per 1,000,000 deaths from known causes.				Per 1,000,000 deaths from known causes.			
	Under 5.	5-15.	15-65.	65 and over.	Under 5.	5-15.	15-65.	65 and over.	Under 5.	5-15.	15-65.	65 and over.	Under 5.	5-15.	15-65.	65 and over.
Scarlet fever.....	26,390	124,464	1,449	129	34,972	72,883	1,076	150	40,761	141,130	2,245	444	36,701	82,053	3,004	256
Diphtheria.....	50,800	182,509	2,730	387	75,080	240,838	8,069	915	50,977	222,398	3,528	444	81,272	278,050	0,837	871
Hooping-cough.....	16,878	4,090	94	.....	37,373	9,937	240	90	24,460	6,343	214	.....	50,051	12,005	836	129
Enteric fever.....	2,633	41,293	32,287	8,516	11,531	60,817	64,069	17,114	2,514	40,184	81,463	8,553	13,186	68,635	54,200	10,423
Malarial fever.....	7,423	22,205	15,637	12,516	26,204	57,417	36,927	20,359	7,192	27,156	15,500	9,097	29,315	61,081	33,701	22,405
Scrofula and tabes.....	6,004	7,701	2,667	1,548	9,837	11,954	5,785	2,409	7,513	7,929	3,029	1,111	10,346	12,058	0,288	2,588
Consumption.....	14,370	41,878	307,154	75,742	17,092	80,440	218,455	82,314	15,055	77,502	338,571	60,078	13,592	57,827	208,583	85,050
Cancer.....	602	1,568	24,223	35,097	915	2,092	19,754	34,608	702	793	56,030	46,090	1,135	1,170	37,812	40,220
Paralysis and apoplexy.....	3,586	6,428	43,866	112,258	2,026	6,388	37,656	120,314	3,186	5,748	37,627	100,610	3,256	5,661	81,215	131,716
Pneumonia.....	63,040	55,123	82,554	76,129	71,874	63,650	149,080	104,784	65,630	56,293	64,021	82,861	67,584	60,510	64,008	163,712
Croup.....	34,208	57,205	282	258	64,745	92,538	355	112	84,145	46,770	350	.....	63,311	20,851	427	333
Diseases of the nervous system.....	155,490	101,870	64,007	159,742	131,130	92,308	87,022	155,302	148,011	89,591	70,316	142,608	129,353	81,832	72,039	162,230
Diseases of the respiratory system.....	165,130	143,358	117,508	141,200	166,926	111,510	170,293	137,470	158,730	134,102	96,131	155,170	160,495	106,242	117,030	140,407
Diseases of the digestive system.....	37,007	32,723	59,680	59,097	47,907	30,440	48,421	51,433	35,753	20,534	57,073	45,540	46,045	24,704	43,055	50,550
Diseases of the bones and joints.....	1,730	13,440	3,639	2,452	2,440	5,155	3,875	2,780	1,725	8,920	3,100	1,444	2,388	3,088	2,840	1,503
Diseases of the urinary system.....	5,106	23,958	47,286	63,697	2,391	6,612	24,484	67,253	4,811	17,839	39,970	32,212	1,853	5,183	11,288	12,830
Child-birth.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,934	.....	.....	588	47,430	.....
Diseases of the female organs of generation.....	20	10,191	3,777	85	1,000	17,013	8,587

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TABLE 29.—SHOWING FOR 50 CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM CERTAIN SPECIFIED CAUSES FOR EACH 10,000 OF POPULATION.

Cities.	Population.	Apoplexy.	Cholera morbus.	Consumption.	Croup.	Diphtheria.	Dysentery.	Enteric fever.	Enteritis.	Homicide.	Hooping-cough.	Measles.	Pneumonia.	Puerperal septicæmia.	Scarlet fever.	Small-pox.	Suicide.
New York, N. Y.	1,206,299	4.99	0.01	35.56	4.87	5.53	3.29	1.71	2.99	0.25	1.03	1.40	21.20	1.53	4.25	0.14	0.68
Philadelphia, Pa.	847,170	3.80	0.44	31.59	3.34	3.43	1.51	4.13	2.27	0.20	1.20	1.14	11.29	0.48	2.89	0.64	0.77
Brooklyn, N. Y.	506,663	4.64	0.01	20.84	4.81	13.51	5.54	1.00	1.72	0.21	2.85	2.71	15.54	1.76	3.38	.....	0.77
Chicago, Ill.	503,185	2.68	0.03	16.75	7.23	17.80	3.12	3.27	5.18	0.07	6.89	2.78	11.42	0.89	8.24	0.27	1.17
Boston, Mass.	362,830	4.40	0.93	33.37	3.90	11.54	3.36	3.22	1.81	0.16	3.61	0.02	18.49	0.77	2.39	.....	0.79
Saint Louis, Mo.	350,518	2.42	0.45	22.93	1.45	3.99	4.73	3.45	4.53	0.59	1.56	1.45	14.26	0.71	1.22	.....	0.94
Baltimore, Md.	332,313	3.91	0.57	34.90	5.41	9.56	2.88	5.14	2.79	0.06	2.79	0.72	12.78	0.66	12.90	0.09	0.39
Cincinnati, Ohio	255,159	3.01	1.09	27.71	2.15	4.02	3.64	4.31	3.13	0.39	3.56	1.50	13.91	0.78	10.89	.....	1.45
San Francisco, Cal.	233,959	4.10	0.34	30.64	1.45	2.73	0.72	4.10	3.41	1.06	1.28	0.76	15.21	0.89	0.85	0.08	3.33
New Orleans, La.	216,096	4.53	0.57	39.42	2.12	3.10	5.57	1.98	8.51	.....	2.86	3.05	13.79	0.69	0.74	0.04	0.83
Cleveland, Ohio	160,146	2.43	0.68	17.04	4.49	12.05	3.05	3.80	2.93	.....	2.56	0.68	9.86	2.37	19.23	.....	0.03
Pittsburgh, Pa.	159,389	2.30	0.70	18.70	2.23	22.76	2.55	10.99	3.83	0.19	7.69	3.96	12.59	0.51	9.07	.....	1.02
Buffalo, N. Y.	155,194	1.74	0.38	18.16	4.04	8.50	0.25	3.48	1.09	.....	0.90	3.60	8.50	0.58	4.31	.....	0.45
Washington, D. C.	147,203	3.86	0.67	41.95	2.51	1.33	5.97	4.88	3.46	0.13	5.04	0.33	15.95	0.40	2.04	1.28	0.61
Newark, N. J.	136,508	5.42	0.58	28.42	3.68	7.17	1.17	3.51	2.71	.....	0.51	0.07	14.13	0.43	2.34	.....	1.24
Louisville, Ky.	123,758	2.82	0.72	32.48	1.77	3.87	4.04	6.36	2.34	0.08	5.41	2.50	19.71	0.89	1.93	.....	1.13
Jersey City, N. J.	120,722	3.14	0.91	27.56	3.97	8.94	3.64	1.73	2.65	.....	0.99	1.40	16.06	1.07	12.50	.....	0.24
Detroit, Mich.	116,340	2.40	0.42	18.48	5.32	0.79	0.94	2.57	2.40	0.08	0.68	4.64	9.28	0.60	3.86	.....	0.85
Milwaukee, Wis.	115,587	3.02	0.34	17.30	6.57	10.55	1.21	2.59	3.89	0.08	0.51	0.17	10.46	3.20	2.10	.....	1.90
Providence, R. I.	104,857	4.95	0.47	29.37	2.38	8.90	1.71	3.81	1.33	.....	0.95	.....	14.78	1.52	36.23	.....	0.28
Albany, N. Y.	90,758	1.43	0.11	25.89	3.85	3.41	0.55	4.51	2.86	.....	1.10	0.33	12.00	0.44	3.98	1.87	0.44
Rochester, N. Y.	89,866	1.34	0.22	23.27	3.80	8.72	1.00	1.00	1.79	.....	0.67	1.79	9.84	0.11	4.25	.....	0.67
Allegheny, Pa.	78,682	1.27	0.38	11.18	2.03	13.85	0.76	2.79	2.92	.....	1.27	0.38	7.37	0.25	2.66	.....	0.76
Indianapolis, Ind.	75,056	1.60	0.26	24.91	2.53	5.06	1.99	7.59	2.66	0.13	1.86	2.39	14.33	1.33	14.25	.....	0.93
Richmond, Va.	63,600	4.24	1.25	41.66	0.78	3.45	4.87	5.81	3.14	1.57	0.31	0.78	9.27	2.04	4.87	.....	.....
New Haven, Conn.	62,882	3.18	.....	19.24	4.61	1.90	0.31	1.90	1.27	.....	2.70	2.38	8.58	0.15	1.27	.....	0.15
Lowell, Mass.	59,475	3.36	0.07	35.30	5.38	4.03	1.67	3.02	2.09	.....	0.50	1.84	13.78	1.17	3.53	0.16	0.50
Worcester, Mass.	58,291	4.80	.....	25.04	1.54	2.91	0.68	2.91	2.23	.....	0.68	0.34	19.55	1.02	2.05	2.57	1.02
Troy, N. Y.	56,747	2.64	0.88	35.77	4.63	6.16	0.88	8.45	2.11	0.35	0.70	2.29	14.80	0.88	20.44	.....	0.35
Kansas City, Mo.	55,785	0.71	0.89	11.29	3.94	4.48	3.40	2.15	2.33	0.17	1.79	4.12	16.13	0.89	5.37	.....	0.71
Cambridge, Mass.	52,066	3.22	.....	26.77	3.60	9.11	3.41	1.32	1.89	.....	1.70	.....	14.99	0.18	1.13	.....	0.56
Syracuse, N. Y.	51,792	1.54	0.96	26.83	5.21	12.16	2.12	.....	3.47	.....	2.31	0.96	6.56	.....	0.77	.....	0.19
Columbus, Ohio	51,647	1.16	.....	19.55	1.93	4.00	.....	8.32	2.32	.....	0.58	1.93	10.06	0.38	2.12	.....	0.96
Paterson, N. J.	51,031	3.13	2.15	29.98	4.89	5.48	7.44	2.74	1.95	0.19	0.78	1.37	14.89	0.97	12.73	.....	0.58
Toledo, Ohio	50,137	0.79	0.59	9.57	4.78	4.58	1.39	3.19	1.19	0.30	0.79	1.39	7.97	0.19	4.58	.....	0.59
Charleston, S. C.	49,934	6.60	0.40	49.21	1.20	6.20	4.80	9.40	0.20	.....	5.00	0.80	13.00	1.20	.....	.....	0.20
Fall River, Mass.	48,961	1.42	1.22	27.57	3.26	2.24	3.26	4.69	3.88	.....	0.20	0.40	10.41	0.61	42.07	0.81	1.22
Minneapolis, Minn.	46,887	0.85	0.42	17.27	3.41	10.87	0.63	5.11	2.77	.....	2.77	0.63	8.53	.....	0.21	.....	0.85
Scranton, Pa.	45,850	0.43	1.30	12.21	9.37	7.68	.....	2.18	0.65	.....	.....	0.87	9.16	.....	6.10	.....	.....
Nashville, Tenn.	43,350	0.60	0.46	31.37	1.61	0.69	9.22	10.33	.....	0.23	2.53	.....	13.61	0.69	.....	.....	0.69
Reading, Pa.	43,278	3.92	.....	25.04	7.16	13.40	2.67	2.77	2.77	.....	.....	1.15	7.62	0.69	3.69	.....	.....
Wilmington, Del.	42,478	3.70	0.47	36.96	5.88	0.12	0.23	6.35	3.53	.....	1.64	1.41	12.71	0.47	6.12	.....	.....
Hartford, Conn.	42,015	6.18	.....	22.03	3.09	3.57	0.23	4.04	3.09	.....	0.95	0.71	11.66	0.47	0.71	.....	0.71
Camden, N. J.	41,659	5.52	0.48	20.40	1.92	6.00	1.68	4.80	2.16	0.24	1.20	0.48	10.32	0.48	1.92	1.44	1.63
Saint Paul, Minn.	41,473	2.17	.....	11.57	2.17	1.68	1.92	2.17	4.09	.....	1.68	1.68	5.78	0.72	1.44	.....	0.48
Lawrence, Mass.	39,151	2.55	0.76	38.56	4.34	12.00	2.04	6.33	1.53	.....	1.27	3.32	13.02	0.51	2.04	.....	0.76
Dayton, Ohio	38,678	1.29	0.77	21.97	3.36	15.25	1.29	2.06	2.84	0.51	1.55	0.25	6.72	0.77	3.61	.....	0.77
Lynn, Mass.	38,274	4.96	.....	29.00	4.18	22.40	1.56	4.18	2.09	.....	2.09	0.26	18.02	0.26	2.35	.....	0.52
Denver, Colo.	35,629	1.12	.....	17.40	2.80	14.87	0.56	.....	2.52	.....	2.52	2.52	18.80	.....	3.36	.....	.....
Oakland, Cal.	34,555	2.02	0.28	17.36	2.02	2.89	0.28	4.91	2.02	0.28	1.15	0.86	8.39	0.57	0.28	.....	2.31

TABLE 30.—SHOWING FOR CITIES WITH 50,000 POPULATION AND OVER, AND FOR THE TOTAL OF CITIES WITH 15,000 POPULATION AND OVER, IN THE GERMAN EMPIRE, THE PROPORTION OF DEATHS FROM SPECIFIED CAUSES IN 10,000 OF MEAN POPULATION OF THE YEARS 1878 TO 1882.

Cities.	CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.										OTHER PREVAILING DISEASES.								VIOLENT DEATHS.			
	Small-pox.	Measles.	Scarlet fever.	Diphtheria and croup.	Whooping-cough.	Enteric or typhoid fever.	Typhus.	Cholera.	Dysentery.	Fueral fever.	Other contagious diseases.	Consumption.	Pneumonia.	Other acute diseases of respiratory organs.	Apoplexy.	Inflammatory rheumatism.	Enteritis and intestinal catarrh.	Cholera morbus.	All other diseases.	Accidents.	Suicide.	Homicide.
Königsberg.....	1.7	2.0	1.8	18.2	8.0	6.7	1.8	.....	0.6	2.1	4.2	27.1	31.7	10.8	14.1	3.3	17.8	29.0	127.2	3.5	4.0	0.01
Danzig.....	0.2	3.7	6.7	20.5	2.8	2.2	1.8	.....	0.3	2.3	5.4	25.5	21.6	0.0	8.2	0.3	12.2	16.5	152.0	5.5	3.7	0.3
Breslau.....	0.1	1.0	3.1	6.1	2.5	3.5	0.5	.....	0.5	0.6	2.2	26.4	21.3	8.0	8.2	0.4	20.7	9.7	183.5	3.6	4.2	0.2
Munich.....	0.3	3.0	8.9	14.0	3.3	5.0	0.01	.....	0.1	0.5	0.6	39.1	29.1	.....	10.6	0.3	54.3	5.1	159.5	2.9	2.1	0.2
Stuttgart.....	0.02	2.5	2.2	10.4	3.7	1.8	.....	.....	0.02	1.1	0.5	27.0	21.6	1.8	0.0	0.6	7.5	18.8	116.0	2.7	2.8	0.5
Nuremberg.....	0.04	5.1	4.5	7.5	5.0	2.4	.....	.....	1.2	2.6	48.7	34.5	0.9	7.3	0.0	13.0	14.6	108.7	2.4	3.0	0.3	
Dresden.....	0.2	1.5	4.1	14.7	2.4	1.8	0.03	.....	0.2	1.1	0.4	37.0	13.4	2.8	7.8	0.4	6.7	10.2	135.9	2.3	4.1	0.2
Chemnitz.....	.....	2.5	2.7	12.5	3.0	2.9	.....	.....	0.09	2.0	0.04	29.7	10.0	0.6	5.8	0.7	6.7	2.6	228.6	2.5	3.7	.....
Leipzig.....	0.04	2.2	2.9	7.4	3.4	2.5	0.05	.....	0.4	1.3	1.8	30.5	17.2	9.0	7.0	0.7	15.5	8.2	102.7	3.1	5.2	0.1
Magdeburg.....	.....	3.9	3.3	9.8	2.6	2.8	0.3	.....	1.0	1.4	1.2	35.6	20.6	2.3	7.0	0.4	11.3	8.4	138.4	3.3	4.0	0.2
Hamburg.....	0.03	3.6	5.9	7.0	4.6	2.7	0.02	.....	0.2	1.2	0.4	33.8	22.0	4.1	9.0	0.4	15.2	6.0	131.0	5.3	3.8	0.1
Hanover.....	0.05	1.4	4.4	7.2	2.7	2.0	0.03	.....	0.1	1.8	0.1	39.4	17.2	.....	7.1	0.5	1.1	10.3	109.2	3.0	3.1	0.2
Bremen.....	0.1	3.8	1.5	3.8	2.8	1.1	.....	.....	0.01	1.2	1.2	39.7	27.7	4.3	6.4	0.2	3.2	9.0	98.6	3.9	3.2	0.1
Cologne.....	0.3	2.0	10.1	4.7	5.3	2.9	.....	.....	0.1	1.4	1.8	41.4	24.6	5.6	10.6	0.5	2.4	7.0	145.6	2.9	1.0	0.1
Barmen.....	.....	5.0	10.2	7.6	5.3	3.7	0.1	.....	0.1	1.2	0.1	44.5	24.8	2.2	5.0	0.2	13.7	6.5	104.3	2.9	1.8	0.2
Düsseldorf.....	0.02	1.2	8.0	8.6	3.5	3.1	0.1	.....	0.2	1.5	0.2	34.0	20.7	0.7	5.8	0.2	8.0	13.1	138.8	3.3	1.5	0.2
Elberfeld.....	0.1	3.5	8.8	6.6	4.9	5.0	.....	.....	0.04	1.0	2.0	40.6	21.4	3.3	6.0	0.4	9.3	6.5	112.1	3.3	2.2	0.4
Frankfort o. M.....	.....	1.7	2.8	14.0	4.0	1.8	0.07	.....	0.1	0.7	1.3	39.5	21.9	1.0	8.2	0.4	14.3	4.0	91.5	2.5	3.7	0.2
Strassburg i. A.....	0.4	5.3	5.8	12.7	2.6	3.6	0.01	.....	0.2	1.4	0.5	34.1	48.4	0.05	9.3	0.5	50.4	0.7	113.2	4.3	2.1	0.5
Cities with population of 15,000 and over.	0.2	2.7	5.6	10.4	3.7	4.1	0.3	0.003	0.5	1.4	1.0	35.2	22.1	5.3	8.8	0.4	14.6	11.4	130.4	3.5	3.1	0.2

a Diphtheria, 3.8; croup, 0.2.

b Diphtheria, 10.1; croup, 0.3.

SECTION VIII.—CAUSES OF DEATH.

Of all the data relating to deaths furnished by the census, the reports of the causes of death are probably the least accurate and satisfactory. Allusion has already been made, in speaking of the data derived from the physicians' registers of death, to the very large number of cases in which the cause of death is practically unknown, but this proportion should, of course, be very much greater in the causes of death reported by non-medical persons. It must be remembered that giving a name to the cause of death does not by any means remove it from the category of the unknown. For example, a large proportion of the deaths reported as due to debility, old age, dropsy, convulsions, and disease of the heart are practically "unknown" as to cause. The returns of the causes of death in the enumerators' schedules in the present census are, however, much more valuable than those of the preceding censuses, on account of the greater extent to which these schedules have been revised by physicians, in accordance with a special request from the Census Office to that effect, in connection with directions given to the enumerators. Each of the schedules of death contains on the back a form of statement by a physician of the cause of death of the deaths reported on the reverse side, and an examination of these shows that they have been filled up and signed by physicians to a much greater extent than had been anticipated. This is especially the case in the smaller towns and rural districts. The number of individual causes of death reported upon these schedules was about three hundred.

A large number of these are, of course, merely synonymous terms, and are readily referred to their proper headings. Many, however, could only be relegated to the class "unknown". The total number thus classified on the tables is 37,133, being 49 per thousand of the whole number of deaths reported. As might be expected, over one-half of the deaths referred to unknown causes are of children under one year of age. The nomenclature and classification of diseases adopted in the tables is substantially that proposed in the recent revision of the nomenclature of the Royal College of Physicians of London, and now used in the annual reports of the registrar-general of England. It is important to bear this in mind in making comparisons between the tables of this and those of preceding censuses, as to the relative mortality caused by certain classes of disease.

A variation in the proportion of deaths reported from different causes in different localities may indicate either a difference in the actual prevalence of these causes, or a difference in the knowledge and opinions of the medical

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men of these localities; and this fact is to be constantly borne in mind in the study of Tables XV and XVI, showing the relative proportion of certain diseases to the total mortality by localities, by parentage, and by groups of ages, as, for example, in the figures for croup and diphtheria; for heart disease, Bright's disease, and dropsy; for bronchitis and pneumonia, etc.

The following table shows the principal reported causes of death in the order of their frequency, each, except apoplexy, having caused over 1½ per cent. of all the deaths from known causes:

TABLE 31.—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH, IN ORDER OF THEIR FREQUENCY.

Total deaths	756, 893	Per 1000 of known causes.
Deaths from unknown cause	37, 133	
Deaths from Consumption	91, 270	126. 80
Pneumonia	63, 053	87. 60
Diphtheria	38, 143	52. 09
Heart disease	26, 008	36. 21
Cholera infantum	24, 988	34. 71
Still-born	24, 876	34. 56
Deaths from Enteric fever	22, 854	31. 75
Malarial fever	20, 231	28. 10
Croup	17, 906	24. 96
Convulsions	17, 844	24. 79
Scarlet fever	16, 388	22. 70
Dropsy	14, 788	20. 54
Debility	14, 610	20. 31
Old age	14, 168	19. 68
Paralysis	13, 907	19. 32
Dysentery	13, 427	18. 65
Cancer	13, 068	18. 15
Enteritis	12, 640	17. 56
Diseases of the brain	12, 280	17. 06
Hooping-cough	11, 064	15. 37
Bronchitis	10, 984	15. 26
Inflammation of the brain	10, 903	15. 14
Diarrhœa	10, 825	15. 08
Apoplexy	9, 658	13. 41

The tables which show, so far as the data would permit, some of the most important relations of the reported causes of death are Tables VII, VIII, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVIII, and XIX.

Table VII shows for the whole United States, and for each state group (excluding the large cities), with distinction of sex and age, the number of deaths reported as due to the principal causes classed systematically. Table VIII gives the same information for the 50 largest cities in the country. Tables XI and XII give the same information as Table VII, but by grand groups only, with distinction of color for the southern portion of the country, and of Irish and German parentage for the northern portions. Tables VII, XI, and XII furnish the principal data for estimating the relations which each cause of death has with locality, sex, age, and race, or with different combinations of these factors. From Table VII have been computed Tables XV and XVI.

Table XV shows the number of deaths from each cause per 1000 of total deaths of which the causes are known, with distinction of sex, in each of the grand groups; and in those grand groups in which large cities occur, this proportion is stated separately for the cities, and for the smaller towns and country which are comprehended under the general term "rural". This table, therefore, permits to a certain extent of the comparison of the relative prevalence of different diseases in different regions of the country, and also of their relative prevalence in large cities and in the rural districts.

This method of making such comparisons has many disadvantages, and care must be taken in each case in accepting the conclusions to which it leads, and to take into consideration the character of the data available. It is believed that, from the data at command, this is, upon the whole, the best method of indicating the geographical distribution of diseases in the United States. The chief source of fallacy in it, against which it is necessary to be constantly on guard, is the fact that when, in any region, any disease causes an unusual number of deaths, it diminishes the relative proportions due to all the other causes of death in that district.

Table XVI indicates the proportional effect which each cause of death has at each age, in each sex, by showing in each 1000 deaths occurring at known ages the number of deaths which occur at certain groups of ages. The conclusions from this table must also be used with care, but some deductions may be drawn from it which are fairly reliable. The larger the total number of deaths referred to each cause, as stated in the first column of this

table, the more reliable are the percentages stated in the succeeding column. It must be constantly borne in mind in using the data of this table that the number of the living population steadily diminishes at the advanced ages, and that therefore the figures in this table for the older ages may give a very erroneous idea of the relative mortality of many diseases, if considered with regard to the number of persons among whom the deaths occurred. This will be shown more especially hereafter in speaking of the mortality from cancer at different ages. So, also, care must be taken in comparing the mortality from certain diseases which are peculiar to certain ages, as, for example, the diseases of infancy and childhood, to ascertain the proportion of persons living at those ages in the localities to be compared. In short, this table is only a make-shift substitute for a proper table of mortality by ages from different diseases, in proportion to the population living at those ages.

Table XIII gives some data for estimating mortality rates by counties as the unit of area, and for the study of the relative prevalence of some important causes of death in different localities with more minuteness than could be done from the data contained in Table VII. This table shows, for each county having 10,000 inhabitants and upward, with distinction of sex, and also of color in those counties in which the colored population was 20 per cent. of the whole, the total mortality, the mortality of infants under one year of age, of children under five years of age, and the number of deaths due to certain special causes, namely: Scarlet fever, enteric fever, malarial fever, diphtheria, croup, diarrhœal diseases, consumption, pneumonia, heart disease and dropsy, child-birth, old age, and still-births. If the data of this table were complete, that is, if all the deaths were actually and properly reported, and if it were possible to obtain similar reports for a series of years, we should be able to construct a system of geographical pathology for this country which would be of great interest and practical importance. Even as it is, with all its imperfections, it is believed that it will be found of very considerable interest to those who wish to examine the data relating to their own locality and to compare the figures with those given for their neighbors.

To illustrate the use which may be made of the data contained in Tables VII, XI, XII, XIII, XV, and XVI, the following remarks upon certain special causes of death are submitted.

To illustrate the topographical distribution of the causes of death specified in Table XIII, a series of maps of the United States are given, showing by different shades of color the different proportions which the number reported as due to these causes of death bear to the whole number of deaths reported, taking the state group as the unit of area, and in the case of diphtheria using also the county as the unit. Upon all these maps it will be observed that the Indian territory is left unshaded, which is due to the fact that no enumerations of deaths were made in this district with the exception of those referred to in table 12, p. xxxiv, of the introductory of Vol. XI.

The influence of a relatively small population of a peculiar age distribution, and of the presence of cities or large towns in certain regions, must be borne in mind in examining these maps and in drawing conclusions from them. For example, in the three counties in the state of Mississippi forming Group 1 and lying on the Gulf coast, the total population is only 21,941, and the proportion of infants and children in this population is below the average of the adjoining country. This region, therefore, has an excess of adult population, chiefly whites, the total colored population of this group of counties being only 6,433. One result of this is that this little region exhibits on many of the maps a contrast to the surrounding regions, compared with which its proportion of deaths from cancer, heart disease, consumption, and dropsy, and from the diseases of adult life generally, is comparatively high, while the mortality from diarrhœal diseases, still-births, malarial fevers, and croup is comparatively low. So, also, the various proportions of these diseases which appear in the western territories, as in Dakota, Wyoming, etc., are probably largely due to the relatively small population and comparatively defective returns, rather than to such actual differences in the liability of persons of these localities to certain diseases, as the figures and maps would seem to indicate. In New Mexico and western Texas the proportion of deaths reported as due to certain diseases can not be relied upon, owing to the ignorance of that part of the population which is of Mexican descent, and the vague and general terms used by them in describing the causes of death, such as fever, etc.

The influence of large cities on the shading of the maps is shown in the northern Mississippi group, where the cities on the west bank cause some of the marked differences in shading on opposite sides of the river.

We will now consider some of the special causes of death, including all of those the data for which are given in Table XIII.

SCARLET FEVER.

The total number of deaths reported as due to scarlet fever during the census year was 16,388, of which 8,181 were males and 8,207 females. The number of deaths from this cause in each 100,000 deaths from all causes was 2,165, or a little over one-half that for 1870, namely, 4,128, and less than one-third of what it was in 1860, viz, 6,698. In England and Wales for the ten years 1870-79 the proportion was 3,674; in 1880, 3,300.

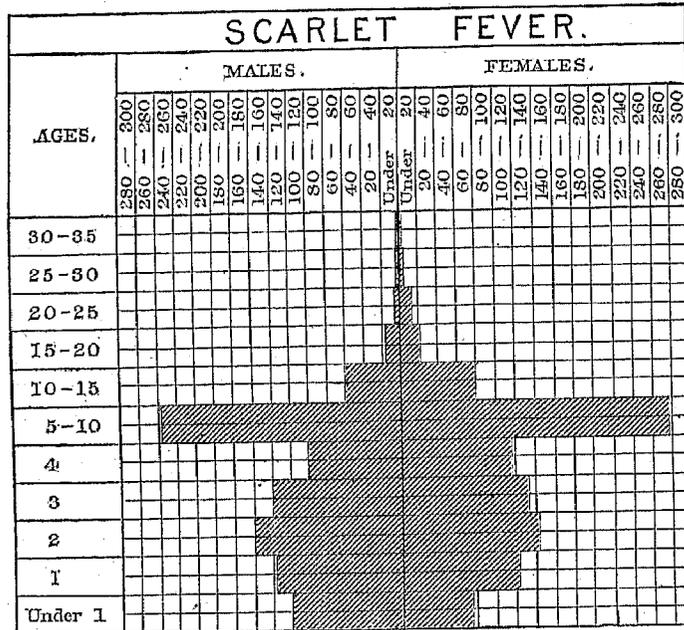
The mean age at death of those reported as dying of scarlet fever during the census year was 5. Scarlet fever is especially a disease of infancy and childhood, as will be seen from the following table and diagram, which also indicate that under the age of 5 years the proportion of deaths is greater in boys than in girls, while above this age the reverse is the case.

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TABLE 32.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM SCARLET FEVER AT EACH GROUP OF AGES, IN EACH 1000 DEATHS REPORTED AS CAUSED BY THIS DISEASE.

Ages.	Males.	Females.	Ages.	Males.	Females.	Ages.	Males.	Females.
Under 1 year	100.83	73.30	15-20 years	14.58	21.48	60-65 years	0.49	0.12
1 year	137.71	123.71	20-25 years	5.76	11.84	65-70 years	0.12	0.73
2 years	161.36	145.51	25-30 years	4.29	6.84	70-75 years	0.37	0.61
3 years	141.14	130.74	30-35 years	2.93	3.17	75-80 years	0.37	0.12
4 years	109.78	116.21	35-40 years	0.86	2.93	80-85 years	0.12	0.24
Total under 5 years..	650.82	589.60	40-45 years	1.10	1.46	85-90 years		
5-10 years	255.33	278.81	45-50 years	0.49	0.40	90-95 years		
10-15 years	61.90	80.57	50-55 years	0.74	0.47	95 and over		
			55-60 years	0.25	0.49	Unknown	2.33	1.83

FIG. 23.—DEATHS FROM SCARLET FEVER AT CERTAIN GROUPS OF AGES IN 1000 DEATHS CAUSED BY THIS DISEASE.

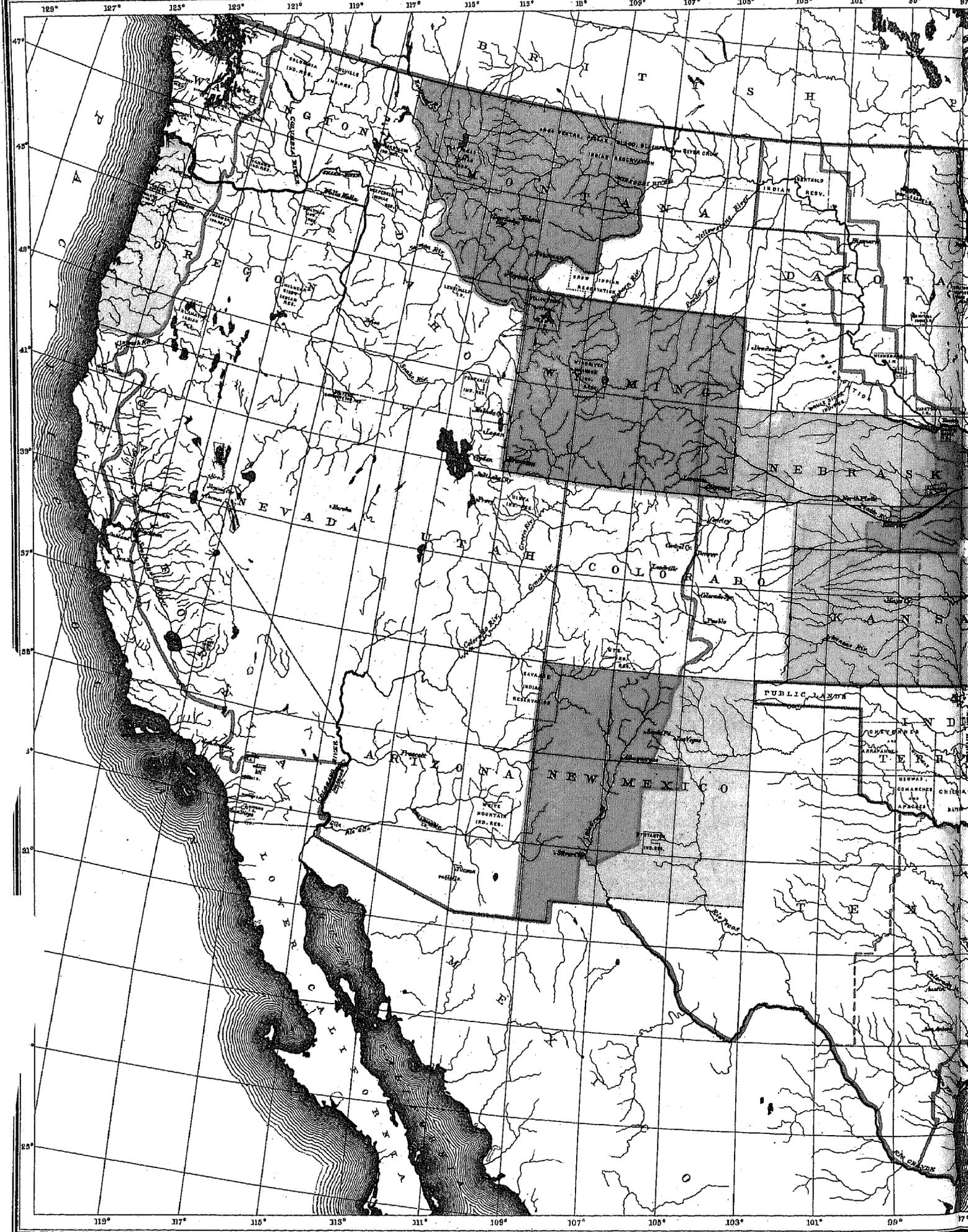


Scarlet fever caused a greater proportion of deaths in the large cities (26.7) than in the rest of the country (21.6); and in those parts of the country in which the distinctions of color and of parentage were made, it caused a much greater proportion of the deaths among the whites (20.9) than among the colored (3.9), and greater among the Germans (30.1) than among the Irish (24.0), or than among the rest of the white population. The influence of the large cities in causing a greater mortality from this disease is most marked between the ages of 5 and 15. The proportionate mortality under 5 years is greatest for children of Irish parentage. These and other relations of the deaths from this disease to age groups are shown in the following table:

TABLE 33.—SHOWING FOR CERTAIN GROUPS OF AGES THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM SCARLET FEVER, AND THE PROPORTION OF DEATHS FROM THIS CAUSE TO THE WHOLE NUMBER OF DEATHS AT THE CORRESPONDING AGE GROUPS, WITH DISTINCTION OF SEX, AND, FOR CERTAIN REGIONS, OF COLOR AND PARENTAGE.

Deaths from scarlet fever in—	DEATHS.				PROPORTION IN 1,000,000 DEATHS AT CERTAIN AGES.			
	Under 5.	5-15.	15-65.	65 and over.	Under 5.	5-15.	15-65.	65 and over.
The United States.....	M. 5,312	2,590	252	8	35,848	81,183	1,851	152
	F. 4,890	2,944	404	14	37,860	91,295	2,921	291
Rural	M. 3,861	1,951	206	7	34,972	72,883	1,976	156
	F. 3,435	2,232	341	10	36,791	82,053	3,094	256
Cities	M. 1,451	630	46	1	30,390	124,464	1,443	129
	F. 1,395	712	63	4	40,781	141,130	2,245	444
White in 10 Grand Groups.....	M. 2,241	1,088	101	1	32,711	84,178	1,593	40
	F. 2,049	1,258	148	6	35,091	99,008	2,275	260
Colored in 10 Grand Groups.....	M. 117	54	16		5,159	11,973	996	
	F. 109	61	13	2	5,452	12,181	663	485
Irish parentage in 14 Grand Groups.....	M. 376	165	19	1	57,475	106,178	1,509	248
	F. 353	189	27	3	63,972	131,616	2,330	768
German parentage in 14 Grand Groups.....	M. 370	224	16		47,442	130,233	1,585	
	F. 341	213	27		52,429	130,755	3,852	

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**MAP OF THE
UNITED STATES**
SHOWING THE
DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS
FROM
SCARLET FEVER
AS COMPARED WITH TOTAL DEATHS
FROM KNOWN CAUSES.

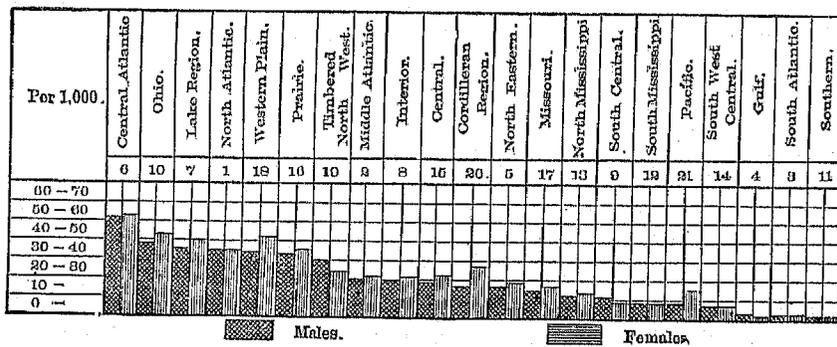
	— Under 10 per 1000.
	— 10 to 19 "
	— 20 to 29 "
	— 30 to 39 "
	— 40 to 49 "
	— 50 and over "

The geographical distribution of the disease is shown by Map No. 2, and by the following table:

TABLE 34.—SHOWING FOR RURAL AND CITIES, WITH DISTINCTION OF SEX, AND FOR WHITE AND COLORED, IRISH AND GERMAN PARENTAGE, THE PROPORTION OF DEATHS FROM SCARLET FEVER IN 1000 DEATHS FROM KNOWN CAUSES.

Grand Groups.	RURAL.		CITIES.		White.	Colored.	Irish parentage.	German parentage.
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.				
Total.....	21.0	22.2	25.2	28.4	20.9	8.9	24.0	80.1
1. North Atlantic Coast region.....	28.7	27.3	44.0	47.3			34.2	80.8
2. Middle Atlantic Coast region.....	18.5	19.1	22.4	22.7	23.4	5.7	17.9	19.3
3. South Atlantic Coast region.....	2.6	2.1			2.2	2.1		
4. Gulf Coast region.....	1.7	1.5	2.5	3.2	2.4	1.0		
5. Northeastern Hills and Plateaus.....	18.7	19.5	4.2	13.3			19.9	72.2
6. Central Appalachian region.....	51.6	53.5	63.1	55.5			41.2	35.3
7. Region of the Great Northern Lakes.....	34.3	33.3	38.7	48.5			25.7	39.2
8. The Interior Plateau.....	19.8	21.6	22.1	23.0	24.1	6.2	20.5	22.9
9. Southern Central Appalachian region.....	11.4	9.0			11.0	5.7		
10. The Ohio River Belt.....	41.8	44.1	33.3	39.6	45.8	14.8	39.1	56.7
11. Southern Interior Plateau.....	1.4	1.1			2.0	0.8		
12. South Mississippi River Belt.....	9.5	9.5			15.9	4.5		
13. North Mississippi River Belt.....	14.9	15.7	4.7	8.2			11.9	15.2
14. Southwest Central region.....	8.5	8.7			0.8	3.4		
15. Central region, plains and prairies.....	18.9	21.7	36.0	42.7	23.7	5.8		
16. The Prairie region.....	32.3	35.0					26.4	26.5
17. Missouri River Belt.....	14.3	15.4	42.3	55.1			23.0	20.2
18. Region of the Western Plains.....	34.0	44.5	27.7	22.1			26.0	56.3
19. Heavily-timbered region of the Northwest.....	29.7	24.8					7.6	70.2
20. Cordilleran region.....	18.1	26.7					9.5	14.1
21. Pacific Coast region.....	14.8	21.0	3.9	4.8			5.6	1.6

FIG. 24.—DEATHS FROM SCARLET FEVER IN GRAND GROUPS, WITH DISTINCTION OF SEX, PER 1000 OF ALL DEATHS OF WHICH CAUSES ARE KNOWN.



It appears that during the census year scarlet fever was most prevalent in the northern part of the United States, and especially on the North Atlantic coast, the interior of New York and Pennsylvania, the lake coast, the Ohio valley, the northern part of Wisconsin and Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, the western part of Montana, and the coast region of Oregon. The mortality from this disease was very low in the southern states with the exception of that part of Arkansas lying on the Mississippi river, but this may be due to a great extent to the large proportion of colored population in this region, a class in which the mortality from this disease appears to be very low.

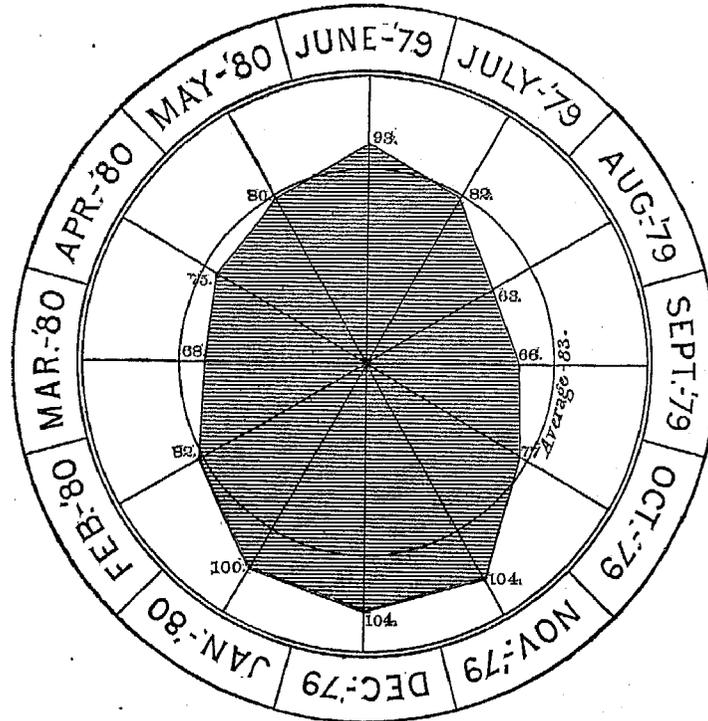
Although the whole history of scarlet fever in the United States indicates that the disease has always been much rarer in the south than in the north, and the contrast between these two regions was, if any thing, even more marked at the census of 1870 than at that of 1880, it is not to be explained on the ground that scarlet fever can not prevail in warm climates, although the fact that the larger parts of Asia and Africa are comparatively free from this disease, taken in connection with its distribution in the United States, would at first sight seem to warrant some such conclusion.

Dr. Hirsch points out, however, that scarlet fever has often been epidemic in the tropical countries of South America, and also that in many cases in temperate latitudes it is among the rarest of diseases. Nor does its diffusion seem to be directly influenced by the season or weather, the elevation of the locality, the geological or physical characters of the soil, or by the cleanliness of the locality. When the disease has once become established

in a place it is very apt to recur in cycles of five or six years, due probably to the accumulation within that period of a sufficient number of persons susceptible to the influence of its causes to produce an epidemic. We have no reason to suppose that it is propagated in any other way than by the transmission of particles of matter from a person suffering from the disease. Its contagium has an extremely persistent vitality, and may linger among articles of clothing or bedding for a number of years with its powers but little if any impaired.

The following diagram indicates the relative prevalence of scarlet fever in the different months of the year in the 31 registration cities. It will be seen that the greatest mortality from this cause was in the winter months, and next to these in May, June, and July, and that it was least in August, September, October, March, and April:

FIG. 25.—DEATHS FROM SCARLET FEVER, BY MONTHS, IN 31 REGISTRATION CITIES.



ENTERIC OR TYPHOID FEVER.

Enteric fever is reported as the cause of 22,854 deaths during the census year, being 30.19 per 1000 deaths from all causes. This is a smaller proportion than that shown for preceding censuses, the figures being, for 1870, 45.07; for 1860, 48.8; and for 1850, 40.55 per 1000. In England and Wales for the year 1880 the corresponding proportion was 12.72, and for the ten years 1870-'79, 15.69. Of the deaths from this cause in the United States 11,821 were males and 11,033 females, indicating, if the number of cases is proportionate to the number of deaths, that sex has no special influence on this disease, the difference, taken in connection with the excess of males in the living population, being within the limits of probable error.

The mean age at death of those reported as dying of enteric fever during the census year was 27 years. The following table and diagram show the proportion of deaths from this cause at various ages:

TABLE 35.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ENTERIC FEVER AT EACH GROUP OF AGES IN EACH 1000 DEATHS REPORTED AS CAUSED BY THIS DISEASE.

Ages.	Males.	Females.	Ages.	Males.	Females.	Ages.	Males.	Females.
Under 1 year	20.68	27.63	15-20 years.....	131.23	160.89	60-65 years.....	33.00	27.45
1 year.....	27.73	28.18	20-25 years.....	137.59	125.53	65-70 years.....	26.88	21.00
2 years.....	23.73	28.91	25-30 years.....	99.42	78.90	70-75 years.....	20.07	20.00
3 years.....	21.09	17.91	30-35 years.....	65.40	56.54	75-80 years.....	14.80	14.18
4 years.....	14.97	17.09	35-40 years.....	39.55	48.00	80-85 years.....	6.21	6.54
Total under 5 years..	117.20	119.72	40-45 years.....	34.19	37.72	85-90 years.....	2.21	2.91
5-10 years.....	74.59	86.54	45-50 years.....	32.06	34.91	90-95 years.....	0.34	0.55
10-15 years.....	81.90	104.35	50-55 years.....	32.74	31.00	95 and over.....	0.34	0.09
			55-60 years.....	30.28	23.18	Unknown.....	5.36	2.91

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TABLE 36.—SHOWING FOR CERTAIN GROUPS OF AGES THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ENTERIC FEVER, AND THE PROPORTION OF DEATHS FROM THIS CAUSE TO THE WHOLE NUMBER OF DEATHS AT THE CORRESPONDING AGE GROUPS, WITH DISTINCTION OF SEX, AND, FOR CERTAIN REGIONS, OF COLOR AND PARENTAGE.

Deaths from enteric fever in—	DEATHS.				PROPORTION IN 1,000,000 DEATHS AT CERTAIN AGES.			
	Under 5.	5-15.	15-65.	65 and over.	Under 5.	5-15.	15-65.	65 and over.
The United States.....	M. 1,378 F. 1,317	1,840 2,100	7,707 6,866	833 718	9,169 10,323	57,674 65,122	56,026 49,656	15,846 14,047
Rural.....	M. 1,273 F. 1,231	1,628 1,867	6,678 5,983	767 641	11,531 13,185	60,817 68,635	64,069 54,290	17,114 16,423
Cities.....	M. 105 F. 86	212 233	1,029 883	66 77	2,638 2,514	41,293 46,184	32,287 31,463	8,516 8,553
White in 10 Grand Groups.....	M. 600 F. 610	822 910	3,811 3,500	436 380	9,634 10,447	63,598 71,620	60,115 53,802	17,084 16,487
Colored in 10 Grand Groups.....	M. 254 F. 305	348 395	816 822	61 50	11,190 15,255	77,162 78,874	50,704 41,937	14,520 12,127
Irish parentage in 14 Grand Groups.....	M. 18 F. 13	39 50	359 265	35 38	2,751 2,356	25,097 34,818	28,512 22,863	8,678 9,726
German parentage in 14 Grand Groups.....	M. 45 F. 36	79 86	445 408	39 31	5,770 5,535	45,030 62,798	47,025 58,211	12,074 16,231

Map No. 9 shows the geographical distribution of these deaths in proportion to the total number of deaths. From this it appears that typhoid fever was most prevalent in the central portions of the United States, and more especially in the Appalachian regions of North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee, in central Ohio, the whole of Indiana, the southern part of Missouri, the eastern part of Texas, the western half of Kansas, and in Oregon. The proportion of deaths from this cause was comparatively low in New England, central Pennsylvania, the Mississippi valley, the gulf coast, the lake coast, the northern part of Wisconsin and Minnesota, and the western territories. The proportion of deaths from this cause was probably much greater in the western portion of New Mexico than the map would indicate, a considerable proportion of the comparatively large number of deaths in this region reported as due to fever, and some of those reported as due to malarial fever, being probably due to typhoid.

The following table shows the distinction of these deaths in relation to grand groups:

TABLE 37.—SHOWING FOR RURAL AND CITIES, WITH DISTINCTION OF SEX, AND FOR WHITE AND COLORED, IRISH AND GERMAN PARENTAGE, THE PROPORTION OF DEATHS FROM ENTERIC FEVER IN 1000 DEATHS FROM KNOWN CAUSES.

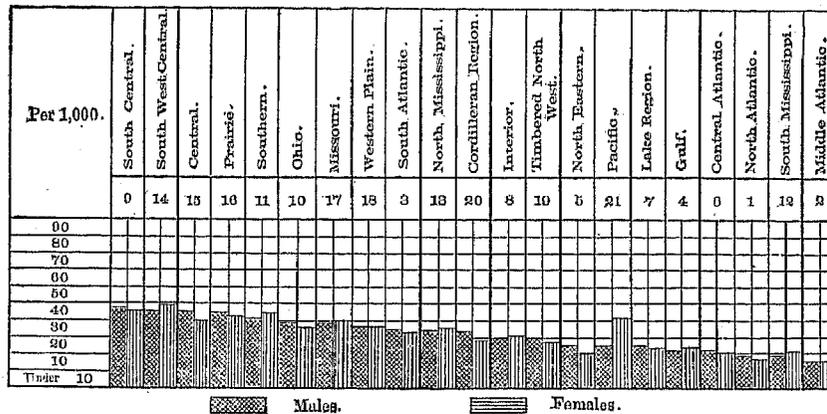
Grand Groups.	RURAL.		CITIES.		White.	Colored.	Irish parentage.	German parentage.
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.				
Total.....	36.1	35.9	16.7	16.7	33.9	31.7	17.4	20.6
1. North Atlantic Coast region.....	21.3	18.5	17.3	15.2	.....	.....	15.7	16.9
2. Middle Atlantic Coast region.....	27.0	22.1	9.3	10.9	18.4	22.4	6.6	13.5
3. South Atlantic Coast region.....	34.1	31.9	34.5	20.1	43.3	25.4	.....	.....
4. Gulf Coast region.....	30.1	31.2	7.4	8.0	21.8	23.0	.....	.....
5. Northeastern Hills and Plateaus.....	25.5	20.3	22.3	15.8	.....	.....	19.9	30.0
6. Central Appalachian region.....	21.7	21.1	12.3	18.8	.....	.....	12.5	23.0
7. Region of the Great Northern Lakes.....	23.6	26.8	14.9	19.6	.....	.....	23.1	26.7
8. The Interior Plateau.....	32.6	34.4	20.1	25.1	31.1	31.1	32.3	40.8
9. Southern Central Appalachian region.....	47.1	46.4	.....	.....	47.6	44.3	.....	.....
10. The Ohio River Belt.....	44.3	40.8	26.5	19.4	39.0	24.2	23.8	36.5
11. Southern Interior Plateau.....	40.0	43.9	.....	.....	46.9	33.4	.....	.....
12. South Mississippi River Belt.....	18.4	21.8	.....	.....	24.4	16.0	.....	.....
13. North Mississippi River Belt.....	38.3	41.7	20.6	17.9	.....	.....	34.0	51.8
14. Southwest Central region.....	46.9	49.1	.....	.....	51.3	34.6	.....	.....
15. Central region, plains and prairies.....	44.2	40.2	52.1	44.9	43.5	36.4	.....	.....
16. The Prairie region.....	43.9	41.9	.....	.....	.....	.....	34.2	37.4
17. Missouri River Belt.....	39.4	42.1	25.4	11.0	.....	.....	23.0	56.3
18. Region of the Western Plains.....	41.1	40.5	.....	.....	.....	.....	26.0	34.5
19. Heavily-timbered region of the Northwest.....	30.2	26.1	.....	.....	.....	.....	24.3	26.4
20. Cordilleran region.....	33.3	27.4	23.3	21.2
21. Pacific Coast region.....	28.2	43.2	21.8	25.1	23.9	29.6



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ENTERIC FEVER,
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FROM KNOWN CAUSES.

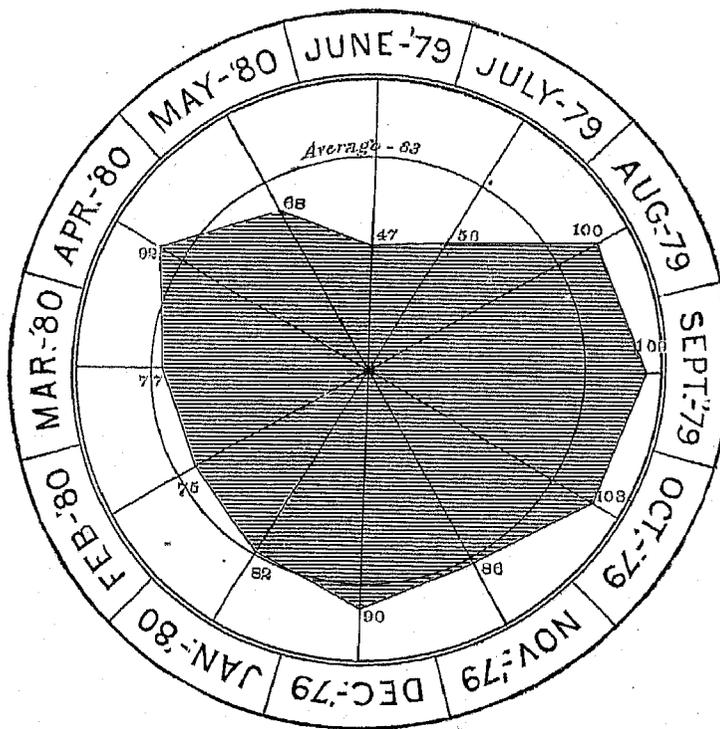
	— Under 25 per 1000.
	— 25 to 34 "
	— 35 to 44 "
	— 45 to 54 "
	— 55 to 64 "
	— 65 and over, "

FIG. 27.—DEATHS FROM ENTERIC FEVER, IN GRAND GROUPS, PER 1000 DEATHS FROM KNOWN CAUSES.



The following diagram shows the distribution of the deaths reported as due to enteric fever in 31 registration cities in relation to month of death. It will be seen that the proportion was greatest in the months of August, September, and October, indicating the origin of the common name for this disease, viz, "autumnal fever". There is also a marked rise in the proportion of deaths from this cause in the month of April, and the smallest number of deaths occurs in May, June, and July:

FIG. 28.—DEATHS FROM ENTERIC FEVER, BY MONTHS, IN 31 REGISTRATION CITIES.



MALARIAL FEVERS.

Under the term "malarial fevers" have been grouped in the tabulations those causes of death reported as due to intermittent, remittent, congestive, and bilious fevers. The total number of deaths reported as due to these causes during the census year was 20,231, of which 10,263 were of males and 9,968 of females. They caused 2,673 out of every 100,000 deaths from all causes, as against 2,374 in the census of 1870, and 3,976 in that of 1860.

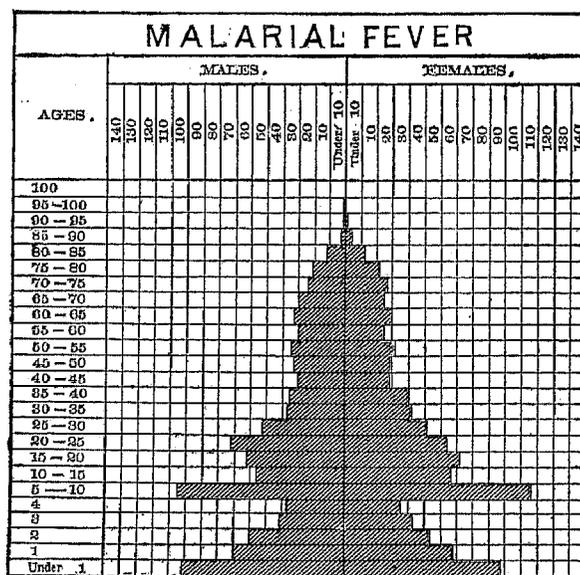
The mean age at death of those reported as dying from malarial fevers during the census year was 24 years. The following table and diagram show the relations of the deaths to age reported as due to these causes:

MORTALITY AND VITAL STATISTICS.

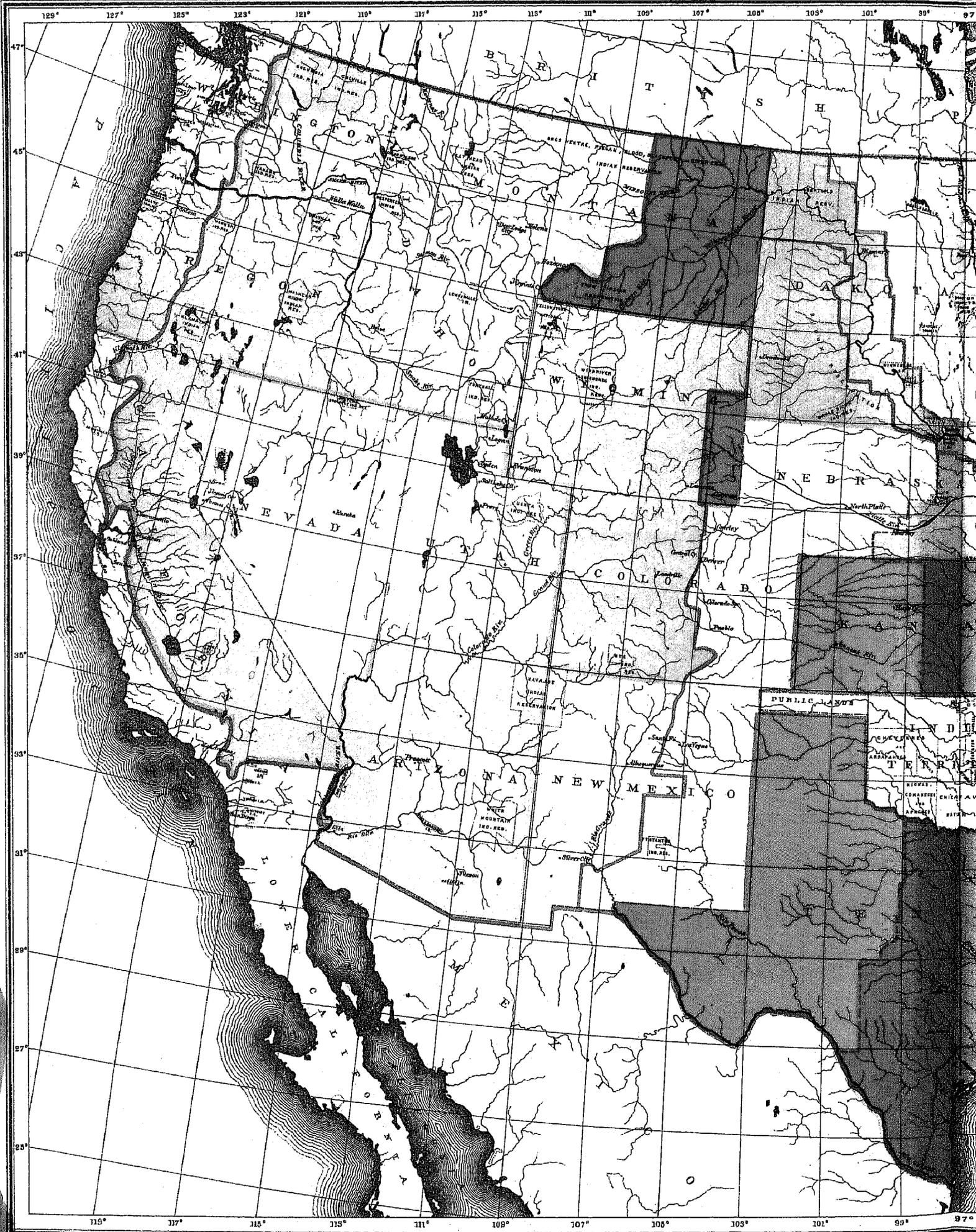
TABLE 38.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM MALARIAL FEVER AT EACH GROUP OF AGES IN EACH 1000 DEATHS REPORTED AS CAUSED BY THIS DISEASE.

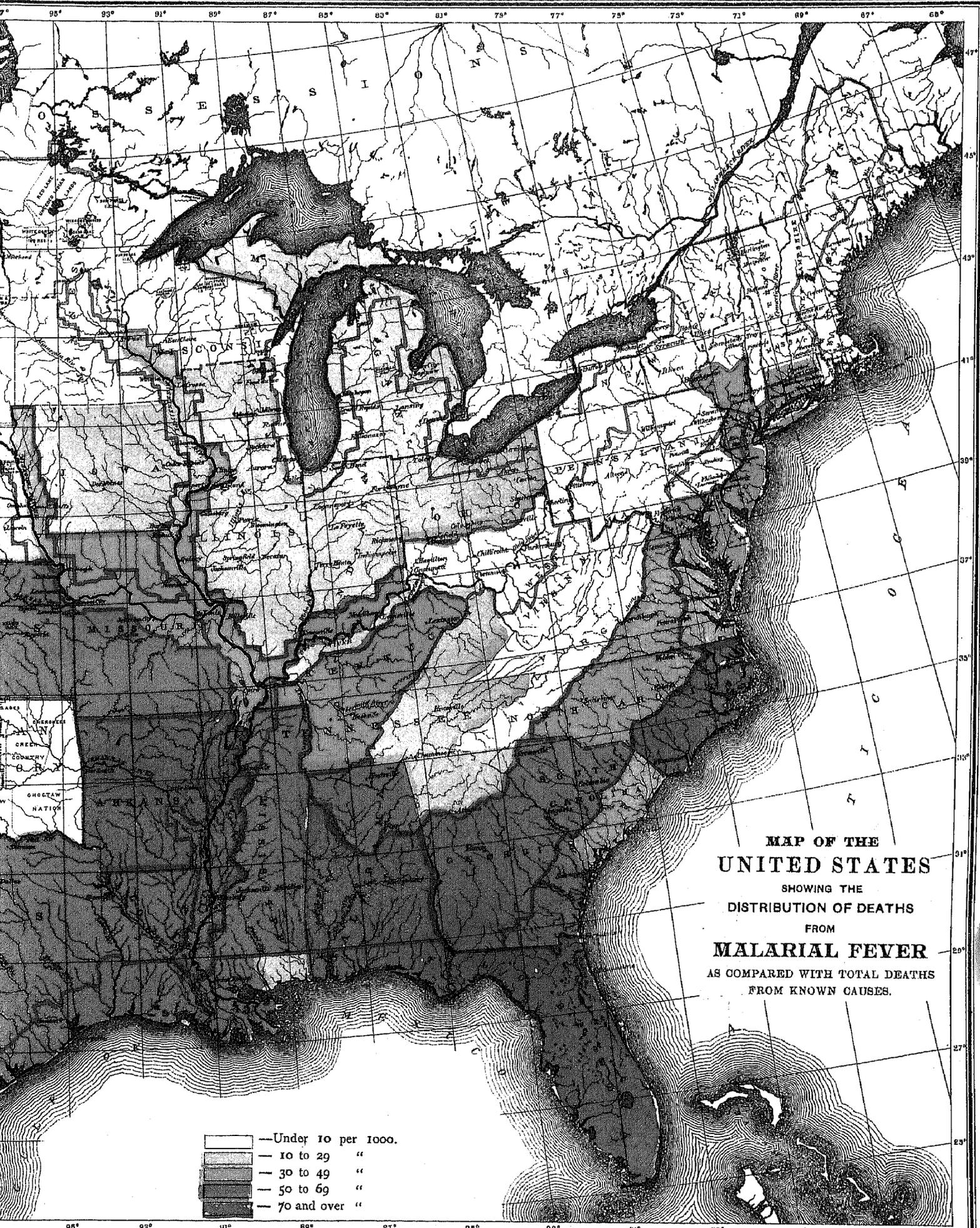
Ages.	Males.	Females.	Ages.	Males.	Females.	Ages.	Males.	Females.
Under 1 year	101.60	97.05	15-20 years	62.96	72.76	80-85 years	33.44	30.03
1 year	70.22	68.63	20-25 years	72.08	65.20	65-70 years	31.58	24.49
2 years	60.80	55.73	25-30 years	52.27	52.30	70-75 years	25.60	27.11
3 years	42.86	43.94	30-35 years	37.85	42.43	75-80 years	22.65	22.57
4 years	37.27	35.27	35-40 years	35.50	41.02	80-85 years	11.57	13.91
Total under 5 years..	312.74	300.61	40-45 years	31.97	29.03	85-90 years	4.61	5.74
5-10 years	105.91	116.29	45-50 years	33.93	30.03	90-95 years	1.57	2.22
10-15 years	56.00	67.42	50-55 years	35.99	31.34	95 and over	1.37	1.51
			55-60 years	30.40	23.38	Unknown	6.47	4.53

FIG. 29.—DEATHS FROM MALARIAL FEVER AT CERTAIN GROUPS OF AGES IN 1000 DEATHS CAUSED BY THIS DISEASE.



It will be seen that the greater proportion of deaths occurs at the younger ages, gradually diminishing until the age of 40, after which it remains tolerably uniform to the age of 75 or 80. As the number of the living population is steadily diminishing at these latter ages, it follows that the tendency to death from this class of causes steadily increases with advancing age. The proportion of deaths from malarial fevers per 1000 deaths from specified causes is, as a rule, much less in the large cities (11.8) than it is in the rest of the country (32.8). A marked exception to this occurs in the Missouri River belt (Grand Group 17), where the proportion of deaths from these causes in Kansas City (males 79.1, females 88.2) is much greater than in the rest of this region (males 40.9, females 46.0). In those regions where the distinctions of white and colored are made, the proportion of deaths from these causes is decidedly greater in the colored (48.3) than in the whites (30.7), but this rule by no means holds good in all the grand groups. The excess in the proportion of deaths from these causes among the colored population occurs throughout all the groups of ages. The proportion of deaths among those of Irish parentage (12.9) and of German parentage (14.1), is comparatively low, owing to the fact that the great majority of persons of these nationalities are located in non-malarious regions. The following table indicates these and some other relations of deaths from this class of causes, by groups of ages:





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— Under 10 per 1000.
 — 10 to 29 "
 — 30 to 49 "
 — 50 to 69 "
 — 70 and over "

TABLE 39.—SHOWING FOR CERTAIN GROUPS OF AGES THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM MALARIAL FEVER, AND THE PROPORTION OF DEATHS FROM THIS CAUSE TO THE WHOLE NUMBER OF DEATHS AT THE CORRESPONDING AGE GROUPS, WITH DISTINCTION OF SEX, OF RURAL AND CITIES, AND, FOR CERTAIN REGIONS, OF COLOR AND PARENTAGE.

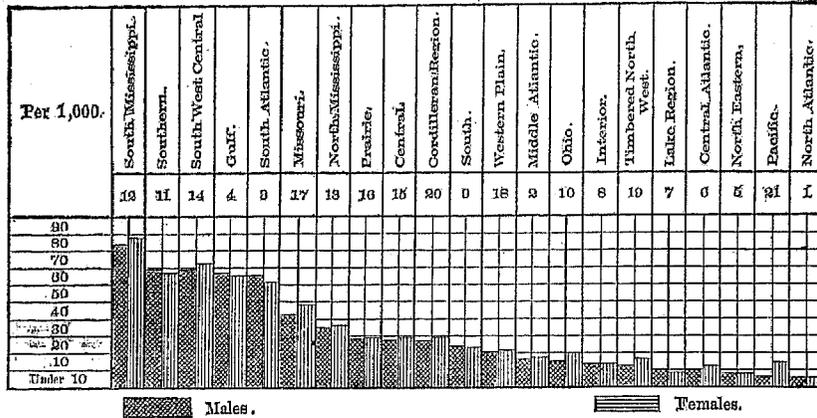
Deaths from malarial fever in—	DEATHS.				PROPORTION IN 1,000,000 DEATHS AT CERTAIN AGES.			
	Under 5.	5-15.	15-65.	65 and over.	Under 5.	5-15.	15-65.	65 and over.
The United States	M. 3,189 F. 2,083	M. 1,651 F. 1,823	M. 4,848 F. 4,140	M. 1,000 F. 908	M. 21,229 F. 23,882	M. 51,750 F. 56,582	M. 31,940 F. 30,006	M. 19,104 F. 20,152
Rural	M. 2,893 F. 2,737	M. 1,597 F. 1,686	M. 3,849 F. 3,714	M. 912 F. 878	M. 26,204 F. 29,315	M. 57,417 F. 61,981	M. 30,927 F. 33,701	M. 20,350 F. 22,495
Cities	M. 296 F. 246	M. 114 F. 187	M. 400 F. 435	M. 97 F. 90	M. 7,423 F. 7,162	M. 22,205 F. 27,156	M. 15,057 F. 15,500	M. 12,516 F. 9,997
White in 10 Grand Groups	M. 1,509 F. 1,443	M. 798 F. 910	M. 2,245 F. 2,180	M. 484 F. 508	M. 21,982 F. 24,718	M. 61,586 F. 71,620	M. 35,413 F. 33,511	M. 19,631 F. 22,049
Colored in 10 Grand Groups	M. 936 F. 843	M. 480 F. 401	M. 795 F. 776	M. 170 F. 155	M. 41,268 F. 42,165	M. 106,430 F. 98,043	M. 49,486 F. 39,590	M. 40,467 F. 37,594
Irish parentage in 14 Grand Groups	M. 62 F. 39	M. 42 F. 43	M. 167 F. 149	M. 59 F. 47	M. 9,477 F. 7,068	M. 27,027 F. 29,944	M. 13,263 F. 12,855	M. 14,629 F. 12,036
German parentage in 14 Grand Groups	M. 72 F. 51	M. 29 F. 33	M. 145 F. 153	M. 42 F. 31	M. 9,232 F. 7,841	M. 16,800 F. 20,268	M. 15,323 F. 21,829	M. 13,972 F. 13,231

The geographical distribution of the deaths reported as due to malarial fever is indicated by Map No. 11, and by the following table and diagram :

TABLE 40.—SHOWING FOR RURAL AND CITIES, WITH DISTINCTION OF SEX, AND FOR WHITE AND COLORED, IRISH AND GERMAN PARENTAGE, THE PROPORTION OF DEATHS FROM MALARIAL FEVER IN 1000 DEATHS FROM KNOWN CAUSES.

Grand Groups.	RURAL.		CITIES.		White.	Colored.	Irish parentage.	German parentage.
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.				
Total	32.1	33.4	11.8	11.8	30.7	48.3	12.0	14.1
1. North Atlantic Coast region	5.8	4.9	2.9	3.1			3.5	0.2
2. Middle Atlantic Coast region	26.3	27.1	13.1	14.0	16.8	22.1	16.2	12.9
3. South Atlantic Coast region	73.7	67.5	11.9	11.1	22.8	50.9		
4. Gulf Coast region	75.0	81.2	51.2	36.8	72.0	58.7		
5. Northeastern Hills and Plateaus	7.2	7.1	10.6	13.3			10.1	5.2
6. Central Appalachian region	10.1	11.5	13.6	13.4			12.2	7.2
7. Region of the Great Northern Lakes	12.6	9.9	8.1	8.3			9.8	6.5
8. The Interior Plateau	18.0	18.3	4.3	3.9	11.0	29.5	0.0	5.8
9. Southern Central Appalachian region	27.3	23.1			23.3	24.1		
10. The Ohio River Belt	19.0	23.4	8.4	9.7	18.2	16.5	11.6	13.3
11. Southern Interior Plateau	69.6	69.1			71.4	67.9		
12. South Mississippi River Belt	83.5	37.7			84.0	86.7		
13. North Mississippi River Belt	39.9	40.0	23.1	25.0			28.0	32.4
14. Southwest Central region	69.8	73.2			72.6	65.8		
15. Central region, plains and prairies	28.2	20.0	24.8	30.6	29.1	25.1		
16. The Prairie region	28.7	29.7					23.4	18.0
17. Missouri River Belt	40.9	46.0	79.1	88.2			53.7	93.5
18. Region of the Western Plains	23.4	23.1	3.4	16.5			26.0	63.4
19. Heavily-timbered region of the Northwest	12.2	16.1					17.1	7.4
20. Cordilleran region	27.8	29.3					25.4	3.5
21. Pacific Coast region	8.3	14.6	4.0	8.0			5.6	0.2

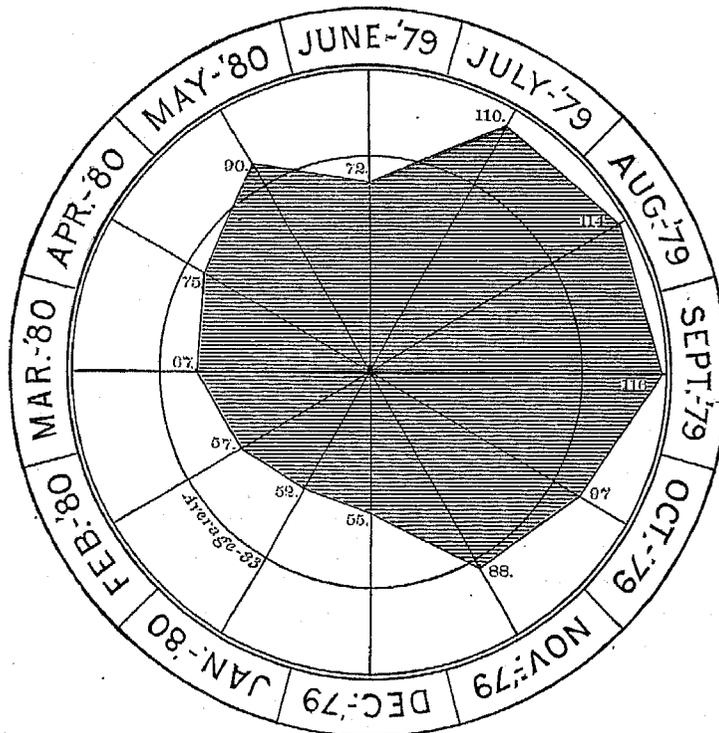
FIG. 30.—DEATHS FROM MALARIAL FEVER IN 21 GRAND GROUPS, WITH DISTINGUISHMENT OF SEX, PER 1000 DEATHS FROM KNOWN CAUSES.



It will be seen from the foregoing table and diagram that malarial fever is especially prevalent in the southern portion of the United States, upon the middle and southern Atlantic coast, and on the lowlands and river-bottoms. An excessive amount of deaths from this cause is reported in the western portion of New Mexico, but is not indicated by the map; this excess is probably due largely to errors in the reports of causes of death made by an ignorant class of people and in a foreign language, and no doubt a very considerable part of the deaths thus reported was due to enteric or typhoid fever. It will be found interesting to compare the map showing the distribution of this disease with those indicating the distribution of enteric fever, consumption, and cancer. In a general way it may be said that where the proportion of deaths from enteric fever, from cancer, or from consumption is the highest, there the proportion of deaths from malarial fever is the lowest, and *vice versa*.

The following diagram shows the distribution of the deaths reported in the 31 registration cities as due to malarial fever with reference to the month of death. The proportion is least in the winter and spring months, and greatest in the latter part of the summer and in the autumn, being in August and September twice as great as in December, January, and February:

FIG. 31.—DEATHS FROM MALARIAL FEVER, BY MONTHS, IN 31 REGISTRATION CITIES.



DIPHTHERIA AND CROUP.

The majority of the leading medical authorities of the present day are disposed to consider diphtheria and croup as being, in the main, merely different names for the same affection according as it affects more especially the mouth, throat, and nose, or the larynx and windpipe; membranous croup being considered to be, in a great

majority of cases, at all events, a true diphtheritic affection of the larynx. It has been thought best, however, to tabulate the figures as returned by the enumerators and physicians, although the statistics of the two should be studied and considered together.

The total number of deaths reported to have been caused by these diseases during the census year was, for diphtheria, 38,143; and for croup, 17,966. Diphtheria caused 5,039 deaths out of each 100,000 deaths from all causes, as against 1,280 in 1870, and 422 in 1860. Croup caused 2,374 deaths of every 100,000 deaths from all causes, as against 2,172 in 1870, 3,859 in 1860, and 3,314 in 1850. The great increase in the proportion of deaths from diphtheria in 1880 over those reported in the preceding census years may be partly due to the fact that physicians now report as diphtheria cases which twenty or thirty years ago would have been returned as croup, as indicated by the fact that the proportion of deaths from croup for the two last censuses has been considerably less than it was for the two preceding ones. Nevertheless, this would account for but a small part of the increase, and it is certain that diphtheria has been unusually prevalent in the northern portions of the United States for several years, of which the census year is perhaps a fair average. In England, during the year 1880, the deaths from diphtheria were 532 per 100,000 deaths from all causes; and for the ten years from 1870 to 1879, they were 569 per 100,000. The proportion of deaths from diphtheria is greater in females than in males, while the reverse is the case in the deaths reported as due to croup.

The mean age at death of those reported as dying of diphtheria during the census year was 6, and of croup 2. The following tables and diagrams show the relations of these causes of death to age:

TABLE 41.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM DIPHTHERIA AT EACH GROUP OF AGES IN EACH 1000 DEATHS REPORTED AS CAUSED BY THIS DISEASE.

Ages.	Males.	Females.	Ages.	Males.	Females.	Ages.	Males.	Females.
Under 1 year.....	83.33	65.40	15-20 years.....	23.02	28.81	60-65 years.....	0.75	0.82
1 year.....	108.23	96.06	20-25 years.....	9.06	9.69	65-70 years.....	0.75	0.52
2 years.....	132.65	114.25	25-30 years.....	4.93	5.40	70-75 years.....	0.80	0.46
3 years.....	119.10	110.40	30-35 years.....	3.48	3.81	75-80 years.....	0.43	0.36
4 years.....	109.20	105.28	35-40 years.....	2.20	3.08	80-85 years.....	0.21	0.20
Total under 5 years..	552.51	491.47	40-45 years.....	1.39	2.01	85-90 years.....	0.05	0.15
5-10 years.....	800.06	922.13	45-50 years.....	1.29	1.39	90-95 years.....	0.11	0.10
10-15 years.....	95.38	126.31	50-55 years.....	1.07	1.29	95 and over.....	.....	0.10
			55-60 years.....	1.07	1.19	Unknown.....	2.09	1.34

FIG. 32.—DEATHS FROM DIPHTHERIA AT CERTAIN GROUPS OF AGES IN 1000 DEATHS CAUSED BY THIS DISEASE.

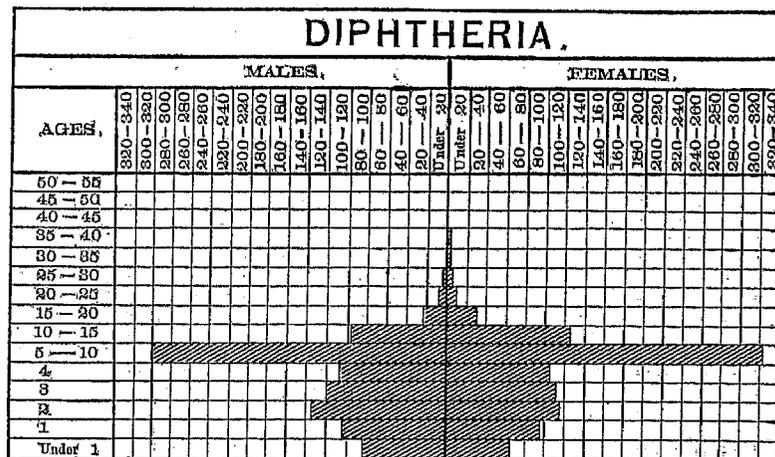
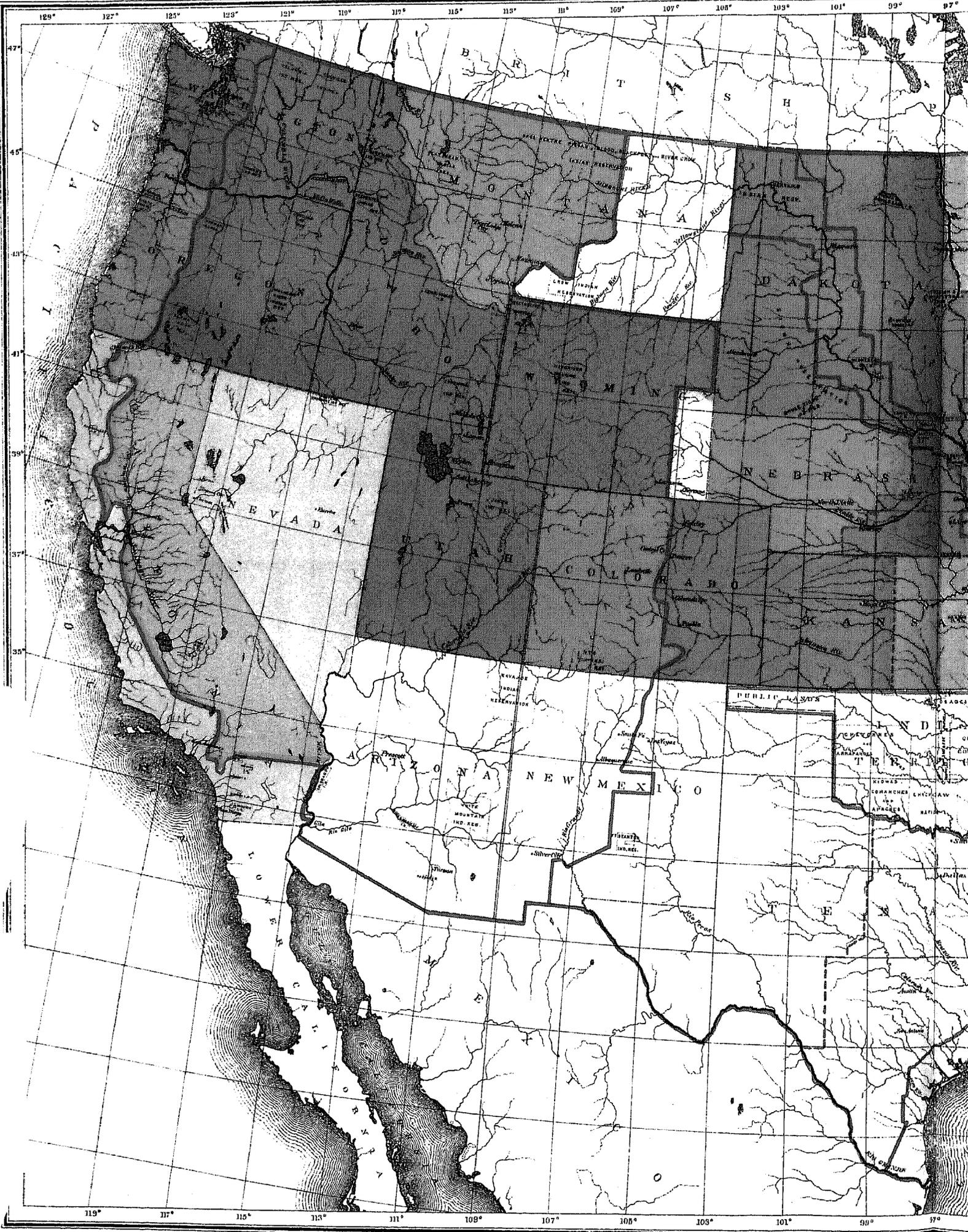
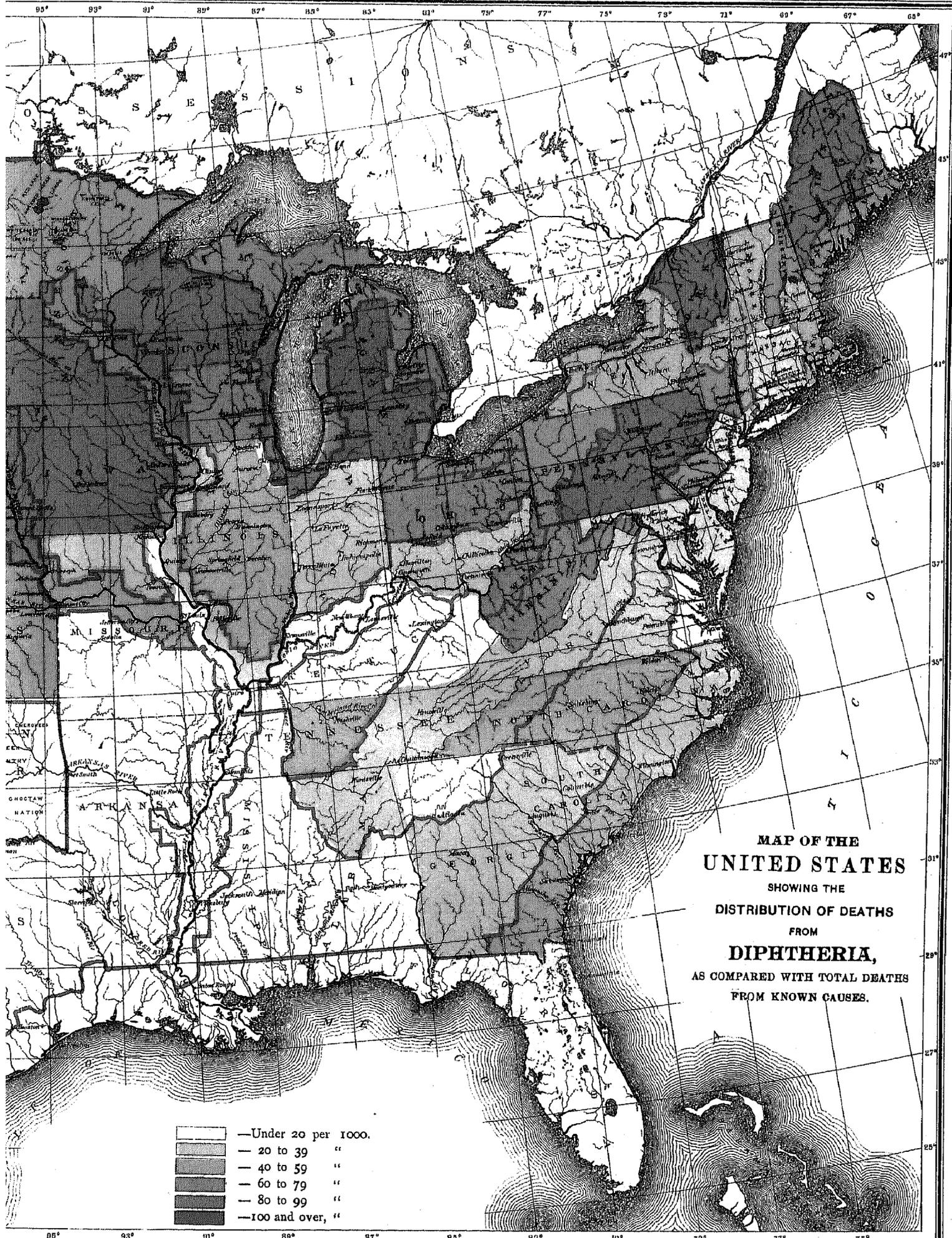


TABLE 42.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM CROUP AT EACH GROUP OF AGES IN EACH 1000 DEATHS REPORTED AS CAUSED BY THIS DISEASE.

Ages.	Males.	Females.	Ages.	Males.	Females.	Ages.	Males.	Females.
Under 1 year.....	380.08	354.40	15-20 years.....	1.03	2.20	60-65 years.....	0.10	0.40
1 year.....	173.90	171.28	20-25 years.....	0.72	0.73	65-70 years.....	.....	0.24
2 years.....	140.70	153.71	25-30 years.....	0.51	0.98	70-75 years.....	0.31	0.85
3 years.....	103.60	106.26	30-35 years.....	0.31	0.37	75-80 years.....	0.21	0.24
4 years.....	75.95	77.96	35-40 years.....	0.51	0.49	80-85 years.....	.....	0.24
Total under 5 years..	874.32	863.61	40-45 years.....	0.51	0.61	85-90 years.....	0.10	.....
5-10 years.....	111.31	118.46	45-50 years.....	0.51	0.49	90-95 years.....	0.10	.....
10-15 years.....	8.43	9.39	50-55 years.....	0.31	0.24	95 and over.....
			55-60 years.....	0.21	0.37	Unknown.....	2.36	1.95

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